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Dear Parents, Staff, and Students of the Enfield Public Schools,

I wanted to provide a follow up from my last message on March 27th. Shortly, you will all be receiving a message from your child's principal regarding phase two of our distance learning plan. JFK and Enfield High School have already reached out to all families and students about additional distance learning packets, which will provide materials for students until April 9th. Elementary principals will be sending a message today about the distribution of materials for our elementary students. We have arranged for each school to serve as a pick-up location for parents to obtain these materials this Friday, April 3rd. Details on pick-up times and procedures will be in the message you receive from your child's principal. Unlike last time, in order to limit large gatherings of people, we will not be able to have a central distribution site at the district office. If you are unable to pick up your child's packet on Friday, each school will make arrangements to ensure all students receive their materials.

Phase two of our distance learning plan will provide enough instructional material for your children to get them through April 9th. As previously planned, the district will be observing Friday, April 10th as Good Friday. April vacation (April 13th-April 17th) will also remain intact, as previously scheduled. There will be no expectation that students or staff are required to continue working during this time, as we believe everyone can use a much-needed break. This information will also be posted on the district website.

As of this moment, Governor Lamont's executive order for schools to remain closed through April 20th is still in effect. Although we have reason to believe this date will be extended, we cannot confirm this at the moment. If the school closure does get extended, we will continue working to ensure all of our students have the necessary materials to continue distance learning for as long as this school closure is enforced. Staff will be working diligently over the coming weeks to continue to provide materials for students should we be out of school longer.

I appreciate everyone's patience during this trying time. Please know we are doing everything we can as a district to ensure our students have the best experience possible during this unprecedented pandemic. In the meantime, we ask that you continue to honor the Governor's directive to stay home if possible, practice social distancing, and continue to use good personal hygiene. None of us could have ever fully prepared for what we are going through, and we realize this process is not perfect. However, if we all continue to exercise patience, work together, and support one another, I am confident we will get through this challenging time stronger than ever.

Thank you - and stay well,

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