

Netcong Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this email finds you well and that you and yours are safe and healthy during these trying times. I wanted to take an opportunity to provide our families with some important updates before returning to distance learning on Monday, April 20, 2020. Yesterday, the Governor extended the public health emergency by another 30 days and as such, the Netcong School District will continue to be closed until such time that the Governor and other state and local officials deem it safe to return to school.

Weather permitting, on Monday, April 20, 2020, several staff members of the Netcong Elementary School will be participating in a town wide car parade so that we can "say hello" to our students, their families, and our community members. The parade will be led by the Netcong Police Department with staff members following behind in a procession. The parade will begin at approximately 11:45 am and will follow a predetermined route designed by the Netcong Police Department. Cars will not be going down dead end roads or roads that do not provide for easy access to turn around. If you live on a road that is difficult to access, and you want to see the parade, we ask that you and your family go to a road that has easy access (i.e. Route 46, College Rd, etc.). We also ask that everyone participating and viewing the parade practice social distancing and maintain at least 6 feet of space between you and other townspeople. If the weather does not cooperate with us, I will send out an alert to all stakeholders advising that the parade is cancelled for April 20th, and we will reschedule for another day.

For students who participate in our free and reduced lunch program, **meals will be available for pickup on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am** – **11am** while school remains closed due to the COVID-19 crisis. If your situation has changed, and you need meals, please contact me directly at kwalsh@netcongschool.org. Additionally, if you have lost wages due to the COVID-19 crisis, your child/children may qualify to receive meals under the free and reduced lunch program; you will need to complete and submit an application to be reviewed. Please contact me directly for more information.

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and relaxing spring break with your families. Stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Walsh
Superintendent