

## **Board of Education Update 3-13-20**

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Dear Westport School Community,

Thank you for your support and flexibility as we work through the complexities of this crisis. We appreciate your patience as Dr. Abbey and his team work out the logistics. They will send regular educational updates when they have information to share. We do want to also thank our entire WPS staff for their dedication and work.

We need everyone to understand: we and districts throughout the area have closed to slow the spread of COVID 19. We strongly recommend our families practice social distancing while our students and faculty remain out of school. We understand the impulse to get together but even small gatherings – even having "just a couple of close friends" over, even with people you and your children have spent a lot of time with – undermine the efficacy of our community-wide effort to slow transmission of disease.

Here is the statement from Westport -Weston Health District about COVID-19 and social distancing: http://wwhd.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-updates-and-links-to-latest-and-most-accurate-information-3/

Please get creative and find virtual ways to connect. This is a test of our collective will, and we can do it.

In solidarity but from a distance,

Candice Savin, Chair
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