



Transition to Distance Learning

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Dear Westport Families,

During the past few weeks, in preparation for the possibility of school closing due to COVID-19, our faculty developed self-directed enrichment opportunities for students. This supplemental learning material was presented through hard copies, posted to Schoology or available on Google Sites.

These learning opportunities were designed to reinforce previously learned concepts, practice established skills, preview upcoming curriculum and keep students intellectually active in advance of a return to school. As indicated in the superintendent's March 13th letter, the district is transitioning from a supplemental approach to a distance learning model beginning this coming **Tuesday, March 17th**.

As we transition to distance learning, daily assignments will be posted by teachers and assignments will be required work for students. Teachers will be communicating with students daily, providing assignments, guidance, and support. Ongoing feedback will be shared with students and will contribute to their class or course grades.

Attached is a document with detailed information regarding Westport's Distance Learning Plan. Although this document provides a significant amount of information, we recognize that we are in the midst of a fluid situation that will likely require modifications and adjustments - particularly if school is closed for a lengthy period of time.

Thank you for your ongoing support and flexibility during this challenging time. Together, I am confident we will be able to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and community, as well as provide our students with a strong distance learning program while schools are closed.

Respectfully yours,

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[Distance Learning Guidelines for Families 3.16 \(1\).pdf](#)
