

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The latest updates related to our current school closure are below. All prior communications can be found on the TPS website (www.trumbullps.org). All links below are clickable in this letter as posted on the TPS website.

- Earlier today, Trumbull Community Television taped a session with Christina Hefele, Director of Digital Learning, me, and special virtual guest Laura Katz, social worker at Daniels Farm Elementary School; at your suggestion, we focused today's session on **emotional** support for students (and all of us) during this difficult time. The session may be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erYxcbAJsOs&feature=youtu.be>. Please e-mail any questions or topics you would like us to address in future broadcasts.
- This [IT Request Form](#) can be used for all parents who need devices to access digital content, as well as technical assistance with digital devices, such as repair of an existing Chromebook or password resets; someone from the Technology Department will follow up with you when your request has been fulfilled.
- We have received official confirmation from the Connecticut State Department of Education that these summative assessments will be cancelled this school year:
 - the Smarter Balanced Assessments in grades 3-8;
 - the NGSS Assessments in grades 5, 8, & 11;
 - the CT SAT School Day Assessment in grade 11 (which had been scheduled in TPS for March 25, 2020);
 - the CTAA & CTAS for qualifying students in grades 3-8 & 11;
 - the Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessments in grades 4, 6, 8, & 10.

Because many students utilize the no-cost CT SAT for college placement, CSDE is working on a plan to offer interested grade 11 students the opportunity to take the SAT on a weekend administration at no cost. We will share updates on this topic with you as we are made aware of them.

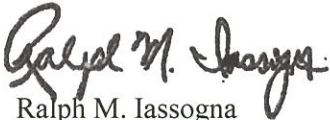
- Key dates relevant to current Trumbull High School students and parents/guardians follow:
 - For courses that meet only during third marking period, the final day of class will be Wed., April 1, 2020.
 - For courses that meet only during fourth marking period, the first day of class will be Thurs., April 2, 2020. Teachers will e-mail students in these courses of the beginning of Google Classroom learning.
 - For courses that meet both third and fourth marking periods:
 - To ensure that no student is penalized for the sudden interruption of in-person learning based on the COVID-19 pandemic, the "Marking Period 3" grade will consist of assessments given on or prior to March 12, 2020. The "Marking Period 4" grade will consist of assessments given after that date.
 - To continue to ensure that no student is penalized for the sudden interruption of in-person learning based on the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers will work with department chairs and administrators to determine the most appropriate relative weighting of Marking Period 3 and Marking Period 4 for each course at THS. Decisions in this regard will be made after the announcement of any return date to in-person learning for 2019-20. At that time, decisions will also be made regarding the extent to which end-of-year examinations will be implemented.

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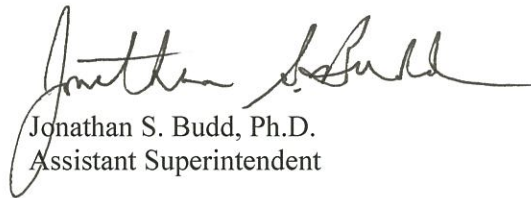
- For next year's Trumbull High School students:
 - Students currently in grades 9, 10, & 11: THS counselors are working now with current grades 9, 10, & 11 students on their 2020-21 course recommendations and requests; students in those grades should be alert to their counselor's Google Classroom and related e-mails.
 - Students currently in grade 8:
 - Fri., April 3: A presentation will be shared with all grade 8 families on the course recommendation and request process for students entering grade 9 in 2020-21.
 - Thurs., April 9: All students entering grade 9 in 2020-21 will submit their elective options based on the presentation shared with all families.
 - Fri., April 17: All students entering grade 9 in 2020-21 will receive information on their initial placement in courses with multiple levels, and the process for requesting reconsideration.Further details will be provided in the April 3 presentation.
- All distance learning details, for general education and special education students, are posted on the TPS website (www.trumbullps.org).

On this final day of our first full week of distance learning in TPS, all in our community – including teachers, parents, families, and most of all students – deserve a weekend of **rest** and **relaxation**. Thank you for your continued support, and please continue to provide your feedback; we aim to answer all communications within 24 hours. Remember that District updates continue to be posted daily at www.trumbullps.org.

Sincerely,



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