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Hello Bristol Public Schools Community,

I hope this mid-week update finds you and your family healthy and safe. Earlier this morning, Governor Lamont announced that in-person classes will not resume during the current school year. This decision is not a surprise, but it is upsetting, as we would like to return to our daily in-person interactions with you and your child.

Bristol Public Schools will continue to provide distance learning using Google Classroom and Seesaw. We continue to refine and improve our means of communication and lesson delivery to our scholars. We look forward to using your feedback to improve instruction for all of our learners. The unwavering support and guidance you have provided your child while at home has been exceptional. We truly appreciate your partnership, and together we will get through these very difficult circumstances.

As we face the reality of not reopening schools this year, we will continue to ensure the safety and emotional and psychological well-being of our students, families, and staff. We have been planning for this eventuality, however, the finality of this decision impacts us all. The administration, faculty, and staff have been working on end of the year school activities and alternative means of celebrating our scholars. During the next few weeks, schools will communicate how they will recognize the milestones and accomplishments of all of our scholars.

Parents and guardians of the Class of 2020 at BCHS, BEHS, and BPA, you will receive an invitation to a webinar scheduled for this Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. to provide an update on possible dates and scenarios for alternative high school graduation activities. We will continue to work with the Commissioner's Office, the Governor's Office, and our state and local health officials to advocate for a safe way to celebrate with our seniors and their families.

We are Bristol Public Schools! We are Bristol All Heart! We are all in this together!

In partnership,

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