



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 24, 2020

Dear North East Family,

First and foremost, on behalf of the Board of Directors, Administrators, teachers, and staff, we wanted to let you know how much we miss seeing the children each and every day. The halls, fields, cafeterias, and classrooms are not the same without them. We have posted several videos on the district website created by staff, coaches, and our students. We hope you enjoy seeing our students and staff in these clips.

We are completing week four of on-line classroom learning. Our teachers, staff, and administrators have been working very hard to ensure that teaching and learning continues during the COVID 19 shutdown. It has not been easy; however, we are listening and will continue to make adjustments, as necessary. As of today, all students have been contacted by either a teacher, building administrator, or our school resource officer, Corporal Markham. We will continue to make home visits to students to ensure that student learning is taking place.

We have updated and posted version (5) of the Frequently Asked Questions which can be found on the district website at [nesd1.org](http://nesd1.org) under the *Update Center* tab. The FAQ's should answer many of the questions you may have regarding the educational changes due to the COVID19 shutdown. If you have additional questions please feel free to send an email to the appropriate administrator listed on the next page. Our social and emotional well-being is also important during this time. We have provided our counselor, mental health, and local Safe Harbor contact information below for your convenience.

We are excited to launch two items: First, WQLN will be providing four hours a day of instruction by local teachers beginning at 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Visit WQLN Homeroom at <https://www.wqln.org/Kids/Learning-At-Home>. Second, we are proud to present our new NESD website today, Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, which will feature our 2020 seniors under our Senior Spotlight section at [nesd1.org](http://nesd1.org). We will continue our on-line adventure through June 2, 2020. We have updated the district calendar on the new NESD website which includes the mandatory planned instructional days as well as dates for virtual academic awards, NHS induction, fundraiser pick-up, and locker cleanout. We will continue to finalize end of year plans in accordance with the Governor's Tiered Plan and more information will follow.

We cannot emphasize enough how important it is to make sure you or your children are reaching out to their teachers, building level principals/assistant principals, or the special education supervisor if they need help. The administrator contact information is listed below.

We wanted you to know that we are here for our families; please let us know if you need anything and let your children know they are missed.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent



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- If your child needs to speak with someone due to feeling stressed or feeling isolated at this time, please have them contact one of our school counselors:
  - High School
    - Mrs. Dawn Coletta – School Counselor - Erie County Technical School/Learning Support, (IEP/GIEP) – [dawncoletta@nesd1.org](mailto:dawncoletta@nesd1.org)
    - Mrs. Laura Panek – School Counselor - Freshman & Juniors – [lpunek@nesd1.org](mailto:lpunek@nesd1.org)
    - Mr. Matt Puskar – School Counselor - Sophomores & Seniors – [mpuskar@nesd1.org](mailto:mpuskar@nesd1.org)
    - Mrs. Heidi Martin – Student Assistance (SAP) Liaison – [hmartin@nesd1.org](mailto:hmartin@nesd1.org)
  - Middle School
    - Mrs. Nicole Welch – School Counselor – [nwelch@nesd1.org](mailto:nwelch@nesd1.org)
    - Mrs. Heidi Martin – Student Assistance (SAP) Liaison – [hmartin@nesd1.org](mailto:hmartin@nesd1.org)
    - Ms. Danielle Lesik – Mental Health Liaison – [dlesik@nesd1.org](mailto:dlesik@nesd1.org)
  - Elementary Center - Intermediate and Davis Elementary Schools
    - Ms. Kimberly Hart – School Counselor – [khart@nesd1.org](mailto:khart@nesd1.org)
- If you or someone you know is having a mental health crisis or needs support, there are several resources available (*Not NESD resources*):
  - Safe Harbor WarmLine – 877-550-4007 open Tuesday-Saturday, noon-7:30 p.m. for anyone who just needs someone to talk to someone.
  - Safe Harbor Crisis Center – Emergency Line - 814-456-2014
- If you need help or assistance with anything during this time, please reach out to our district administrators:
  - High School: Dr. William Renne, Principal – [wrenne@nesd1.org](mailto:wrenne@nesd1.org)  
Mr. Nathan Otis, Assistant Principal – [notis@nesd1.org](mailto:notis@nesd1.org)
  - Middle School: Mr. Greg Beardsley, Principal – [beardsle@nesd1.org](mailto:beardsle@nesd1.org)  
Dr. Steve Karns, Assistant Principal – [skarns@nesd1.org](mailto:skarns@nesd1.org)
  - Intermediate Elementary:  
Mr. Brian Emick, Principal – [bemick@nesd1.org](mailto:bemick@nesd1.org)
  - Davis Primary: Dr. Jennifer Ritter, Principal – [jritter@nesd1.org](mailto:jritter@nesd1.org)
  - Special Education: Mrs. Brianne Hodges – [bhodges@nesd1.org](mailto:bhodges@nesd1.org)
  - Technology: Mr. Tyler Wilson – [twilson@nesd1.org](mailto:twilson@nesd1.org)  
Mr. Peter Zielinski – [pzielinski@nesd1.org](mailto:pzielinski@nesd1.org)
  - Superintendent: Dr. Michele S. Hartzell – [mhartzell@nesd1.org](mailto:mhartzell@nesd1.org)

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