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Dear NHCS Families and Friends,

It is with great care and thoughtful consideration that New Haven Community Schools has developed a Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to ensure that all students have access to education in a remote learning environment. The Plan was developed in collaboration with our Board of Education and staff. It was submitted to the Macomb Intermediate School District and approved.

The NHCS Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan is located on the district website at www.newhaven.misd.net in the section labeled COVID-19 Information. The Plan includes answers to many questions that have been asked in the last five weeks. Highlights of the Plan include the following:

- Guiding Principles for developing the Plan-following page 3
- Methods to keep students at the center of educational activities-page 5
- A Tiered System of Communication-page 6
- Suggested Ways to Engage Students at Home-page 7
- Times of Engagement for Remote Learning-page 8
- Grading-page 15
- Mental Health Support-page 20
- Appendix B-Expectations for All

It is important for students and families to understand that we will present new lessons and new material through the remainder of the school year. Student participation in remote learning is critical toward their progress this year and readiness for the next school year. We will be flexible and understanding of each student's remote learning environment and will reach out to students that are having difficulty with engaging in the learning plan.

In addition to the letter I sent on April 17, separate communications from each school were also sent out with details of our updated instructional plan. Please contact your child's teacher, principal, counselor or social worker if you have questions or concerns. Our staff is committed to supporting you and your student through thoughtful and creative ways during these challenging times

I hope that you and your family are safe, healthy and managing during this crisis. Please don't hesitate to contact me at bvansweden@newhaven.misd.net with questions, concerns or suggestions.

With Rocket Pride,
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Superintendent, New Haven Community

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