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Dear NHCS Families and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and working towards establishing a new routine in your home. We realize many of the challenges and apprehension our families are facing during these unprecedented times. Our staff is working to provide resources that are accessible and may ease the ongoing challenges. These resources are located at www.newhaven.misd.net on the home page. We will continue adding to these resources throughout the school year. The district will also continue to be mindful of the many questions you may have and are working towards sharing information in the upcoming weeks.

Our staff has learned some things as we reflected over the last few weeks. First, we miss our students! NHCS administrators, teachers, support staff, bus drivers, and food service staff miss the conversations with kids, their smiles and the interactions that happen in the physical school space each day. We also recognize the need to provide structure to the week for students to ensure accessibility to materials, instruction, teachers and support staff. We need to make sure that expectations are clear and communicated to all. There remains many topics to resolve but our staff is committed to bringing clarity to the unanswered questions.

We all know that we will not be seeing students in our school buildings but we have not finished educating our children this school year. The buildings might be closed, but school is still in session! Students will continue to learn and every student is expected to participate. Our staff is committed to using creative and innovative ways to teach and support students but we need everyone working together and encouraging our students as we transition into this next phase.

Week of April 13-17

- Virtual instructional activities will continue
- Teachers will contact students at least one time this week.
- Counselors and social workers will continue reaching out to students and families.

We encourage parents to also contact your child's teacher, counselor or social worker with any questions or concerns that you may have at this time.

Week of April 20-24

- April 20-Transition to updated instructional plan

Weeks of April 27-June 9

- Continue with instructional plan
- Adjustments will be made, as needed, to ensure accessibility and support for student learning.

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- Finish with Rocket Pride and recognize the accomplishments of our students, families and staff!

NHCS Food Distribution Plan

The district will transition to a site-based, pick-up plan by families beginning on Wednesday, April 15. Breakfast and lunch for 5 days will be available for pick-up at New Haven High School and Endeavour Elementary and Middle School from 9:00-10:30. This plan will remain in place until further notice.

New Haven High School-Enter via the driveway off Gratiot and proceed to the back of the school loading dock area.

Endeavour-Enter via the driveway off 26 Mile Road and proceed to Door 10 at the back of the school.

Please indicate the number of individuals that will need breakfast and lunch. Staff will place the bags of food in your trunk. **Please stay in your car so we can observe the guidelines of social distancing and to ensure a smooth and timely flow of traffic.**

Forgotten Harvest Food Distribution Plan

The partnership between Forgotten Harvest and the district was launched on Thursday, April 9 with grocery pick-up at New Haven High School from 9:00-Noon. This will continue every Thursday, 9:00-Noon, throughout the pandemic. There is no need to get out of your car. Fresh fruits and vegetables, meat and shelf stable items will be placed in the trunk of each car.

The New Haven community has shown strength, endurance and a willingness to work together through these challenging weeks. Our staff appreciates your messages of kindness and appreciation. We have demonstrated that Together we are kinder...Together we are smarter...Together we are Rocket Strong!

With Rocket Pride,
Barbara VanSweden, Superintendent
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