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REGION 4 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT TRI-TOWN AREA DURING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE

Region 4, along with districts across the state of Connecticut made the decision to close its schools to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. To support families and the communities of Chester, Deep River and Essex during this period of closure, the schools have implemented measures to support distance learning for students and to ensure that there is food security in the three towns during this pandemic.

The distance learning plan will feature technology as a central component to deliver instruction remotely to students while at home. “The goal of our approach is to ensure as much routine and continuity as possible for all of our students” stated Superintendent of Schools, Brian White.

To ensure food security, the school system took action immediately upon learning that school would be closed indefinitely. By collaborating with the local First Selectperson from each town as well as Tri-Town Youth Services, the schools quickly implemented a program to support the needs of the three towns. In his letter to families on March 13th, White wrote, “I, along with our local health authorities and our First Selectpersons, strongly believe this is a necessary, proactive measure to keep our communities safe...during this period of public health crisis and uncertainty it is important that we remember to take care of one another, as well as ourselves.”

Below is the information about the Region 4 Public Schools Food Security “Grab and Go Meals” program.

For more information about Region 4’s distance learning plan for students or its food security program, please visit the website at www.reg4.k12.ct.us

Chester, Deep River, Essex
Grab & Go Meals
Breakfast & Lunch for Children 18 years and younger

Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- For students of Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4 Schools and any other children in their households
- Pick up both breakfast and lunch in one convenient stop
- Walk or Drive

Available Sites:

- Chester Elementary School, 23 Ridge Road

- Deep River Elementary School, 12 River Street entrance
- Essex Elementary School, 108 Main Street, Centerbrook, main entrance circle

IMPORTANT: For the safety of all, if driving, please stay in your car and drive up for distribution. We will bring the meals to you. If walking, please do not congregate in groups. Children do not need to be present for meals to be provided. This program will be solely for the pick-up of meals, and meals will not be consumed on-site. We encourage families to continue to be proactive in reducing the risk of COVID-19 by not congregating at the school site and utilizing social distancing once meals have been distributed.