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Dear Families,

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that IEA will remain closed for the remainder of the academic school year. Like so many of you, we had hoped that we may be able to return together in our school building for the close of the school year, but due to the Governor's most recent order, and our concern for the safety of students and staff, that will not be a possibility. However, Distance Learning will continue. We are looking at implementing additional supports for families and teachers as we continue to improve this process.

While this decision brings some certainty to uncertain times, it also raises many questions. While we are continuing to iron out the details, and some things may be dependent upon future circumstances, there are some assurances we can provide.

Will there be graduation?

While a graduation held in the typical style this spring will not be a possibility, we will certainly recognize the efforts and achievements of our graduates in a number of ways. We will have a celebration - though it may be virtual!

Will there be a year end awards ceremony?

Yes! We will move this to a virtual platform as well.

Will there be ESY/Summer School?

We are prepared to continue summer learning for our students from July 6 - August 6, Monday-Thursday, 8:00-1:00. Whether this is in a distance learning environment, or back in our building, will depend on the recommendations of the State which are anticipated by the end of this month. The Reopen Connecticut Education Team is working on developing a reopening plan. We will stay apprised of their recommendations and keep you informed as we move forward.

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What will school look like in the fall?

Unfortunately, we don't know yet, but it will be based on the Governor's mandates at the time. We are staying updated on the latest developments and will work to ensure the safest environment for our students and staff when we return to the building. There will be more information around the specifics in the summer.

I have more questions!

There are so many questions during these times. We will be hosting two Coffee and Questions sessions next week with IEA's Administrators on Tuesday May 12 at 2:00 pm and Wednesday May 13 at 6:30 pm. Please [click here to RSVP](#) and we'll answer as many questions as we are able.

We realize that this is one more change and challenge that COVID-19 has brought our way as we continue to adjust to our new normal. Please know, IEA is here to support you as we continue to navigate these changes. If you need any sort of support, around basic needs, academics, or other concerns, please let us know. Thank you for your support and flexibility as we continue to negotiate these uncertain times. We are grateful to have you as part of our IEA family.

Stay well.

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