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Dear Marlborough Elementary School Families:

As the nation braces for COVID-19 we at Marlborough Elementary School have made preparedness our highest priority. Nothing is more important than the protection of our children, the adults who serve our children and the families who entrust us with their children. We can do that by being prepared and working closely with the experts at all levels and heed their advice and direction. We have received communications and guidance from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Chatham Health District, the Commissioner of Education, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents. We have worked as a health crisis team with advice from medical professionals, experts in the field of crisis management and the guidance, advice and directives from federal, state and local authorities. All agree this is not the time to panic but a time to be more prepared than we ever have for an event we have never experienced before. Our team is headed by the capable leadership of Dan White, Principal, Kim Kelley, Assistant Principal, along with the support of our full Board of Education and that of First Selectman Greg Lowrey, elected officials and I, as Superintendent of Schools. The Center for Disease Control and all other agencies suggest that the public visit the Center for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and the State of Connecticut website at www.ct.gov/coronavirus for the most reliable and up-to-date information in preparing for the Coronavirus crisis.

Our plans are based on prevention and protection should we experience cases of Coronavirus at our school or in our community. Should state or local officials decide to close our schools we are also preparing plans for distance learning should our children be required to remain at home for any period of time. Our teachers are prepared for their role in providing a safe, caring environment for our young children during school hours. Our supportive and caring staff is always available to assist parents with their children's needs as well. Also feel free to contact Principal White or Assistant Principal Kelley if you have any questions or concerns.

We are following all of the CDC guidelines for sanitizing our entire school. That extensive cleaning process takes place during the school day, after school hours and on weekends. We are also actively making plans in the event our school is closed out of necessity and for the protection of every child and staff member. The plans are based on state and federal guidelines and their advice to plan for any and all circumstances and hope that these plans will not be needed. If school closing becomes necessary for the health and safety of our children we will be ready and will help families be prepared as well. It is important that families be aware of those plans so that they can be prepared and coordinate their home plans with that of the school. In the days ahead school administration will maintain close communication with you. Communication and support are critical in times like this.

Please feel free to call our school office at any time if you have any concerns.

Regards,

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Superintendent