

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
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I hope this message reaches each of you safe, healthy, and optimistic. During these unprecedented and challenging times, our number one priority continues to be the physical and emotional safety of all of our students, staff members, and families. As a district, it is impossible for us to understand all of the challenges faced by students, families, and staff members. Unified School District #1 teachers and support staff are working hard to support student learning remotely while encouraging a positive and healthy attitude. We have been working diligently on a distance and connected learning model that is equitable and meaningful for all students. Our goal is to have students connected to us and connected to learning.

Unified School District #1 Connected Learning will offer:

Ongoing and Meaningful Educational Opportunities: Students will continue their learning with meaningful instruction and feedback from their teacher(s) through a remote platform.

Social Connection: Create a sense of continuity that will help students maintain connections with school during an extended school closure. As much as possible, we will help students manage any possible worries or fears.

Equitable Education and Supports: Provide appropriate resources and personalized supports so that all students can continue to progress in their skills and knowledge. Special education students have equal access to the District's distance learning program and materials. Supplemental materials to support IEP goals and objectives are being provided in addition to materials and resources for post secondary and employment skills as part of transition plans.

I have great confidence in the talent, character, and resiliency of the Unified School District #1 community. I am proud of the high quality and rigorous educational instruction and activities being provided to students during these ever changing times. Maintaining connection to students and families during these challenging times is integral to supporting the positive school communities we have created and nurtured. Let us remain partners in creating a positive community that supports the continued growth and learning of the students in Unified School District #1.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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