



March 27, 2020

Dear LEARN Community,

I hope you are all as well as can be expected, at this time. As promised, here is our Friday All LEARN Update.

Don't forget – All LEARN communications may be found on our website [http://www.learn.k12.ct.us/covid-19\\_update](http://www.learn.k12.ct.us/covid-19_update). Please continue to use [info@learn.k12.ct.us](mailto:info@learn.k12.ct.us) or our hotline 860.434.4800 to share any questions or concerns you might have. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and hard work, as we navigate these uncharted waters. I look forward to the time when we will all see each other again. Until then, be well and remember - We Are Still LEARN.

#### **Good News!**

We would like to share some good news. LEARN has determined we will be able to extend the pay for furloughed employees for their scheduled hours of work for the next two work weeks. Furloughed employees will receive pay for the week between March 30 – April 3 and the week between April 6 – April 9. (Note that April 10 is a holiday. LEARN would not have been open and it is not a workday.)

#### **Unemployment Compensation**

Important: If you have applied for unemployment compensation benefits, your furlough verification documents will not be sent to you until immediately after April 10. We know that many of you have requested letters of verification. LEARN must send the verification documents to you at the time we stop paying you.

#### **Work Time**

Any employee who is receiving pay will be expected to be available for assignments from your supervisor or administrator. LEARN is beginning to implement Phase Two of its alternative learning plan on Monday. You may be asked to assist with projects related to the learning plans or other tasks related to your school/office.

#### **Online Learning Opportunities**

This week, teachers and staff across the LEARN family of schools and programs worked to create meaningful and engaging online learning opportunities for students. Beginning Monday, students are invited to log into their school-specific online platform or will be sent their learning plans through another agreed upon means to engage in learning. While this is new for all of us, we are proud and impressed by the resilience, innovation, and creativity of all of our educators.

Sincerely,

Kate Ericson  
Executive Director