Dear Webutuck Families,

I hope this communication finds you and your families safe and well. I am hoping that the weather begins to cooperate and that we soon see warmer temperatures allowing us to spend more time enjoying the fresh air. There isn’t much to communicate in regards to the County, State and Federal level providing us with new information. On a local level, we here in the WCSD continue to provide learning opportunities and instruction to students. Each day, teachers, support staff and administration prepare, plan and develop continued program for our students. We are delivering over 400 meals per day to families that have reached out to us. That is over 12,000 meals since we have started our food program during the COVID-19 quarantine. If you know of any families in need, please have them reach out to me at Raymond.castellani@webutuck.org

Last week, the Governor extended the closure of our school buildings until May 15th with an opening of the District buildings scheduled for Monday, May 18th. Like you, I do not know if this date will be extended. As soon as I receive any further notification, I will make that available to all. Please notice the first sentence of this paragraph. It refers to the closure of our school buildings, and not the closure of school. I refer to this because in essence, school is still open. Learning and academic opportunities are still being offered to our students by teachers. This means that students are responsible to complete the assignments and materials provided in a timely fashion. Students will be held accountable for this work. As a parent of five children myself, I realize how difficult it can be to motivate children to complete the work each day. The fact is, school is still important and they need to keep up with their work. If you are having any difficulty motivating your student to complete the work, I would be happy to speak to your child and give them an encouraging message by phone.
For families that are receiving food packets from the District, we ask that you be mindful of the social distancing guidelines set forth by the Governor. Our faculty and staff that are preparing and delivering the food packets are wearing gloves and masks to protect all from any contamination. In order to keep the most sterile and safe environment possible, we ask the following:

- Deliveries will be made Mondays and Wednesdays between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
- Deliveries will be left near the requested door of the address provided.
- Please stay inside your residence until the staff member departs.
- The driver will honk the horn to let you know that the delivery has been made.

Our food deliverers always look forward to the daily waves from our students! This will allow for all to stay safe and healthy!

These certainly are unprecedented times. I ask that you do your very best to support learning and that you keep the lines of communication with your child’s teachers open. We understand that some days can be more difficult than others for all of us and we want our Webutuck family to know we are here to support you in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me Raymond.castellani@webutuck.org or your child’s teacher if you have any questions at all.

Respectfully,

Raymond Castellani
Superintendent of Schools