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Dear Ashford School Families,

We have been fortunate so far with keeping school open. This is due mostly to the diligent work of our entire school community, and also a bit of luck. While we currently do not have any indication that we will close, as the days and weeks proceed, there may come a time when we would need to transition to remote learning. The Connecticut State Department of Education and many other educational organizations, and the opinion of many educators, agree that we should try to keep our youngest students in the school building for as long as possible. Some reasons being that, overall our youngest students may struggle more to learn remotely and studies show they are less likely to spread the coronavirus. In addition, younger students need more supervision at home, making it more difficult for families. Therefore, the following options are available if we transition to distance learning:

Option A: Grades 6-8 go to distance learning, PK-5 stay in school

Option B: Grades 3-8 go to distance learning, PK-2 stay in school

Option C: All Grades go to distance learning.

While we have identified these three options, it is also important to know that we could transition directly to option B or C.

We greatly appreciate the dedication of our school staff and the patience and efforts of all of our Ashford School families during this historically challenging time period.

Please stay safe and remember your mask.

Best wishes,

The Administrative Team