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Dear Staff, Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Earlier this morning, Governor Ned Lamont ordered in-person classes at all K – 12 public school facilities in Connecticut to remain canceled for the remainder of 2019 – 2020 academic year. As part of his order, all schools will continue to provide distance learning during that time. **West Haven's last day of distance learning is June 12th.** We will also continue to provide our students meals as we've done since we first closed in March. For those of you who've not yet taken advantage of this offering but may wish to, please go to our website, whschools.org for sites and distribution times.

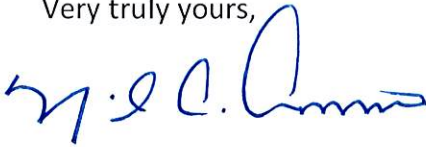
Over the coming days and weeks, school administrators will be setting up schedules that will allow small groups of students at a time into the buildings to gather personal belongings. We will also begin the process of planning to safely open schools in the fall. To do this, we will be working with State and local officials and will follow all recommended guidelines.

For students who will be entering a new school in the fall, principals have already begun planning orientation sessions. Once we are confident that these sessions can occur in a safe manner, the schools will announce the dates and times.

Finally, we will do our best to figure out ways to acknowledge students who've earned special recognition during the academic year. Most importantly, our high school administrative team and I along with the Board of Education are working with senior class officers in an effort to give them the type of graduation they've earned and deserve after all their years of hard work.

As more information becomes available, I will do my best to continue to keep you informed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil C. Cavallaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping tail.

Neil C. Cavallaro
Superintendent of Schools