

May 3, 2020

Dear Friends and Families of ER9:

The State of Connecticut is divided into six regions for our schools to be supported by a Regional Education Service Center. The Governor and Commissioner has charged the RESCs to work on reopening plans. Please see the message from our local RESC, Cooperative Educational Services (CES), which is located in Trumbull.

Also, I believe the Governor will be making an announcement about school closure early this week. At the moment we are operating under his direction to remain closed through May 20, but we anticipate clarification soon.

Here is the message from our RESC:

**The Connecticut Commissioner of Education has enlisted the help of the six Regional Education Service Centers (RESC) to form teams of Connecticut education stakeholders for the purpose of gathering, analyzing, and sharing the issues, concerns, and ideas related to the process of reopening schools.**

**An online tool will be used to make the gathering of feedback more efficient and to reflect all the different regions and constituent groups across the state. The tool, "ThoughtExchange," is entirely confidential and anonymous to use. Your participation and feedback are essential to the process and necessary for our State leaders to consider as decisions are made about reopening our schools.**

I encourage everyone to use the link below to share your thoughts and help evaluate the critical issues.

Thought Exchange Link: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/493894984>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

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Superintendent of Schools  
Easton, Redding & Region 9 Schools