



June 2020

District Administrator

Building Closures Continue Through June 30

Reminder to our school community that all District buildings and grounds remain closed to the public through June 30, 2020.

B212 “The Extra Degree”

As I reflect on the 2019-2020 academic year, our school community demonstrated strength, resiliency, flexibility, commitment, and, most importantly, “Bulldog Pride.” Without question, the 2019-2020 academic year will give us countless reasons and memories which are forever part of us all. Our District journey to B212 and to provide the extra degree of effort was not only demonstrated during the recent “Safer at Home Order” but long before we navigated a slightly different approach to meet our student and community educational needs. Without question, the School District of New London continues to give the extra degree of effort by all to support “Success For All Students” Great job!



Summer Learning Beyond the Classroom

June 3 marked the completion of the traditional academic school year. Summer months present the opportunity for continued student learning in environments outside of the conventional school setting. Make it a point to support student learning throughout the summer months. Informal learning environments are often great opportunities to support student growth actively. Use the following techniques as referenced from “Resources for Educators” to support student learning when appropriate.

- **Show Interest:** Let your child know that what they are involved in is important to you. When a parent expresses curiosity about what their child is involved in, children respond by giving best effort.

- **Create Excitement:** When your child needs help getting motivated for a task, find a way to make it enjoyable. For example, if you make reviewing for a test entertaining, you’re not only helping your child study, you’re teaching that learning doesn’t have to be boring.
- **Encourage Problem Solving:** When your child runs into a problem, avoid solving it for them. Instead, give hints that help them discover the answer. The more your child does on their own, the more confident they will feel about their work and the harder they will try.
- **Offer Praise:** Never underestimate the power of a “Good Job!” Children crave approval, even children that seem to do all of the right things all of the time. A positive response, such as a hug or a smile, can be a great incentive. Whether it’s for washing a sink full of dishes or passing a math quiz, a word of encouragement will show your child that you notice their hard work. Your child’s self-confidence will soar, and they will want to keep on trying.



- **Accept Mistakes:** Some children are afraid of trying new things because they think that making a mistake means they failed. When your child messes up, tell them you believe in them, and give them a chance to try again. Treating mistakes as opportunities instead of failures shows that you value effort, not just achievement. Enjoy the summer break!

Within two days of any use of seclusion/restraint, and after the student team has met, a written report must be filed and also reported to parents. Same day is preferred. The IEP (individualized education plan) team must reconvene if seclusion/restraint is used more than once in the same school year.

Donation to the Caring Closet

An anonymous donor delivered \$250 worth of Wal-Mart gift cards to be used in the High School Caring Closet for students in need. These certificates have been distributed to families who have been identified as needing this support.



Director of Teaching and Learning

Virtual Summer School



New London is proud to offer the following programs in a virtual and distance format for our students in June:

- **iReady Learning over the summer months (K-8)**
- **Summer learning packets grades (K-8)**
- **Summer Strength and Conditioning (7-12)**
- **Secondary recovery** programs will also be available via invite for those needing support and continued options (5-12)

Links for registration for these options will be shared in the Family Instructional Update.

We will continue to look for options for student learning in July and August as building reopening plans develop.