

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

The GISU and our member school districts continue to make good progress towards establishing our Continuity of Learning plan to support new learning between April 13 (with a focus on learning how to learn in a remote learning environment during the first week) and the end of the school year. I am very proud of the work our teachers, support staff, administrators, students, parents, and community members are doing. The work everyone is doing supports each other to ensure that all members of the GISU learning community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever-changing world is impressive. I'm thankful to be a part of such a thoughtful community.

Continuity of Learning Plan Update:

Later this week we will submit our Continuity of Learning Plan to the Vermont Agency of Education. Our plan is a detailed document that addresses all aspects of transitioning to a remote learning and teaching environment. We are also in the process of creating a "Continuity of Learning at a Glance" which will be designed to be a parent and community-friendly document which boils our more than 30-page Continuity of Learning Plan down to a one-page document that shares our commitment to maintaining a connection to the school, learning, and support for our students. We anticipate posting both the GISU Continuity of Learning Plan we submit to the VT Agency of Education and the "Continuity of Learning at a Glance" on our website by Friday, April 10, 2020, in the [Superintendent COVID 19 Communications](#) section.

I'm pleased to share that our GISU IT department has been working hard to make the internet more accessible to the community throughout the Islands. They have already made access to our WIFI available to the community by installing an access point to the Grand Isle School parking lot. Community members can now drive into the Grand Isle School school parking lot and receive a strong WIFI connection without leaving their car. This is the same filtered high-speed WIFI that the community previously was able to access in the building. This "free hotspot" is listed on the [state's website for free access points](#). We are pleased to share that a similar project will go live at the Alburgh School soon. We are also working on other projects to help address more equitable access to technology throughout the Islands. I hope to share more soon.

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As a reminder, every Wednesday evening- for the remainder of the year- I've scheduled an opportunity to talk with community members who have questions, concerns, or just want to talk via a Superintendent/Community Google Hangout. The next Hangout is Wednesday, April 8, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The direct link is [here](https://meet.google.com/die-pjru-pry) (meet.google.com/die-pjru-pry) for the video conference or by phone, (US)+1 385-351-9242 PIN: 890 220 322#. I hope you will consider joining me (There is capacity for up to 250 participants).

Once again I have to share how proud I am of our faculty, staff, students, and community. It is amazing how much has happened in such a short period of time! We appreciate your flexibility. We will get through this together. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out anytime.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark

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Superintendent