

# Grand Isle Supervisory Union

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

I hope you had a fantastic April Break! It was nice to have sun most of the week. I hope you had some time to participate in family activities and were school-work free for the week. It's hard to believe that there are only about 35 school days left this year. Before you know it summer will be here.

GISU Facebook Page:

Just a reminder GISU has revived our [Grand Isle Supervisory Union Facebook page](#). In addition to sending information through our school-specific channels, we will share and reshare information using this page. We hope you will like our page the next time you visit Facebook and invite you to share and comment on our posts.

Free WiFi Update:

I'm so proud of our IT Department. One of the things they have done in the last month is to make sure we have free WiFi connectivity available to all of the communities in the Islands by adding WiFi hotspots to all of the school buildings' parking lots. All of the locations are live and working great. Please feel free to use the Hotspots anytime, they are on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If they are well received we will leave them operating even after we return to school. The hotspots are for everyone, students, parents, community members, and even visitors to the Islands. GISU installed the hotspots in Alburgh and Grand Isle using devices that were part of a pilot we had planned; and we partnered with Microsoft and the Vermont Department of Public Service to install internet hot spots at the Isle La Motte, North Hero, and Folsom Schools. There are many more free hotspots listed on the [state's website for free access points](#). We will continue to look for more opportunities to provide access for students and community members.

Last week Jack Thurston of MYNBC5 came out and did a story on the hotspots. If you missed it on the news you can see it [here](#).

Community Google Hangout:

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. This week's Hangout is Wednesday, April 29, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The direct link is [here](https://meet.google.com/eii-tarn-hco) (meet.google.com/eii-tarn-hco) for the video conference or join by phone dialing: (US)+1 346-800-2093 PIN: 965 229 374#. I hope you will consider joining me (There is capacity for up to 250 participants). The next Community Hangout will be May 6, 2020.

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## Maintenance of Learning Survey:

We are interested in getting some formal feedback from our community about how we did during the maintenance of learning phase of the school dismissal. Please remember during the maintenance of learning phase, the Governor's order directed schools to provide learning opportunities to maintain what students had already learned. The second part of the order held schools responsible to prepare for continuity of learning (i.e. new learning) and submit a Continuity of Learning Plan to the VTAOE. The third part of the order was to provide meal delivery for children throughout the school district. Please take three minutes and complete [this brief survey](#). If you haven't already provided feedback please consider doing so. The link is open until 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2020.

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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