



Griswold Public Schools

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Dear GPS:

The Griswold Board of Education has adopted a comprehensive set of policies to govern the efficient, effective, legal and ethical operations of the Griswold Public Schools. During this unprecedented, historic school closure period, the Griswold Board of Education has adopted a new policy, 6114.81-Instruction-Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness, Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies, & Emergency Suspension of Policy During Pandemic.

Policy 6114.81 grants the Superintendent the authority to “temporarily waive” Board policies. Given the obvious public health concerns regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic, I am temporarily waiving policy 6146-Instruction-Graduation Requirements, which stipulates that beginning with the class of 2023, students are expected to complete a full credit that includes “mastery-based diploma assessment, Capstone, including Community Service.” To be specific, this temporary waiver permits the Griswold High School administration to relax the community service hour requirements for our ninth grade students because of public health concerns and the social distancing measures delineated in the Executive Orders declared by Governor Ned Lamont.

The high school administration has provided guidance to students and parents regarding how the waiver of Policy 6146 impacts the community service requirement for members of the class of 2023. Should you have questions or need further clarification, please be sure to contact Griswold High School directly.

We hope that you are all safe and well.

Sincerely yours,

Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Mary Beth Malin, Chairperson, Griswold Board of Education
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