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To: All New Haven Teachers

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April 28th Presidential Primary – Schools Closed

April 28th is the presidential primary election and the City has asked the BoE to close schools for security and parking reasons. The school calendar was voted upon by the NHFT (all teachers vote each year via ballot in their respective schools). Therefore, any change to the calendar requires our agreement.

The original request was to cancel school on April 28th and add a day to the end of the school year. We simply could not agree to that as we have negotiated the calendar in good faith. Instead we agreed to cancelling school for the primary election – but not add a day to the end of the school year, nor take a day from our February or April vacation weeks. We share the same concern for security whereby countless adults will be entering our buildings to vote with students and teachers in attendance. There is no scenario where staff and students would not be potentially vulnerable.

This was voted on and passed at the BoE meeting Monday evening. Therefore, our contracted time this year goes from 182 student days/186 teacher days; down to 181 student days/185 teacher days. Enjoy the day off!

NHFT Election Re-run

A friendly reminder to call MK Elections at 209-259-6740 if you need a replacement ballot for any reason. (The ballot was lost, damaged, never received one, etc.) Please do not call the NHFT office as it does not handle ballot distribution, replacement, collection, etc. MK Elections is contracted for this purpose.

403b/457 Payroll Deduction Investment Options

Our efforts to add additional companies (Fidelity, Vanguard, etc) to our 403b/457 options is reaching fruition. The NHFT has partnered with all other city unions to provide leverage to our requests. With all city unions united in this “ask” we are now at a point where an agreement is imminent in adding these popular companies to our investment options via payroll deductions. More details will follow as this progresses.