To: All New Haven Teachers  
From: David Cicarella, President; and Pat DeLucia, Vice President  

PD Day - September 14 (Tuesday)

The superintendent has granted our request to have the Professional Development Day conducted virtually. Teachers have the option to access their school buildings to use their classroom/office equipment if they prefer to log in from school. We suggest all teachers test their devices and connectivity from your home/remote location this weekend. If your computers are not working properly, you can request to sign one out from your school or the I.T. Dept. on Monday. If you plan to log on from school for Tuesday’s PD session please contact your principal/supervisor prior to Tuesday.

As an FYI, a number of area school districts are not offering this professional courtesy. Instead teachers in these districts must drive to their work sites (school or offices) to log on to their PD sessions.

Vaccination Policy

The NHPS vaccination policy, complete with logistics and information for exemptions, weekly testing information, uploading vaccination compliance and weekly test results, etc. is in the final draft stage. We expect it to be completed and disseminated to all teachers any day.

There remains some confusion as the NHPS and City of New Haven policy allows for weekly testing in lieu of vaccination. The weekly testing is free of charge. This is not a requirement set forth in the Governor’s Executive Order, which does dictate mandatory vaccinations with exemptions for medical reasons or religious exemptions. However, it does not require municipalities and school districts to implement a weekly testing option, nor are the municipalities required to pay for the testing. Cities and school districts can choose to provide the testing option. It is within their discretion.
The City of New Haven policy requires either vaccination or weekly testing. We applaud the mayor and superintendent for this reasonable compromise to increase the level of safety while allowing New Haven teachers the discretion for a personal choice as to vaccination.