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Dear Port Washington Families,

The New York State Education Department recently announced its partnership with public broadcasting stations across the state, as well as the launching of the NYS Education Department's continuity of learning website. Long Island's PBS station is WLIW. New York City's PBS station is WNET. Many Long Island subscribers to Verizon FiOS, Cablevision (Optimum), Direct TV and Dish Network have access to both public broadcasting stations.

Both stations are providing "learn-at-home" enrichment for students through programming and online educational resources. Check your service provider's channel guide for specific station channels. The websites for the two PBS stations are:

WLIW: <https://www.wliw.org>

WNET: <https://www.thirteen.org>

PBS has ensured that its content will be aligned to state and national learning standards, so parents can feel comfortable that it will reinforce what their children are being taught at the local school level. PBS is also providing additional educational information and resources developed in conjunction with local school districts, BOCES, parents, and teachers through its website, PBS LearningMedia.org. PBS LearningMedia provides original digital content and supplemental viewing guides for on-air programming that assist in learning. New special collections have been created for each grade level to make it easy for parents and teachers to select appropriate content if they are new to using the service.

The State Education Department's [Continuity of Learning Resources](#) website provides resources for both school districts, teachers, parents and students. For specific suggestions on online learning resources, visit the 'Technology Options' section of the site. There is also a section for non-technology learning options.

We will continue to update you on the district's ongoing educational initiatives for our students to help ensure the most robust and enriching educational experience for your children during these unusual times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Hynes".

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