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Dear Colleagues and Families,

I'm writing with an update on our current school and district practices in light of COVID 19. This situation remains very fluid and we will continue to act according to the recommendation of the CDC, the MADPH, the Revere DPH, the Commissioner of Education, and the Governor.

Today, our staff and students who visited Italy last month returned to school. They have all completed the self-quarantine process required by the MADPH and the CDC. Two members of that group remain out of school for illnesses that have been **confirmed to NOT be COVID 19**. We mention this so that their absences do not cause speculation that result in false rumors.

Continuing our pro-active practices, all school busses are stocked with disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. Seats and touch points are wiped daily. We are in the process of having them sanitized more extensively as we did with all schools and classrooms last weekend.

Based on Governor Baker's and Education Commissioner Riley's guidance, we want to share the following three items:

- **All planned out-of-state field trips will be canceled.** This will impact our Cheerleaders, our Robotics team, our Outdoors club, and the JROTC. For now, we are continuing with planned in-state field trips as well as school events and performances. We encourage senior citizens, pregnant women, and those with compromised immune systems to stay away from performances and demonstrations as has been the guidance of the CDC.
- **Students who do not come to school will be marked absent.** The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has changed rules about how attendance will impact our accountability ratings in ways that will help us but has been clear that we need to continue to mark students absent when they are not in school. We are working with the School Committee to determine whether or not modifications to our handbook policies regarding attendance are needed. Information on that will be included in a future update.
- **School closings will need to be made up at the end of the year.** We are required to reschedule up to five (5) days missed due to snow or illness. We have had one snow day so far this year. Our current last day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th. Should we need to close any schools in the coming weeks, the latest we would end the year is on Tuesday, June 23rd.

Have a good day and thank you again for your help and support,

For up-to-date information regarding the 2019 novel Coronavirus, please visit the DPH COVID-19 web site at www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus Or the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov