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All,

I am writing to share a few new items as we continue to progress through these uncharted waters. Our district was not geared towards remote learning but our teachers continue to rise to the occasion and add new layers to our program.

1. We believe it is in the best interest of our secondary students to honor the work completed prior to the March 2020 shutdown. Therefore, we have extended the third quarter for students grades 5-12 through Friday, April 17, 2020. This time will provide secondary students the opportunity to make-up missed assignments or to master skills previously taught. More information will be provided from secondary teachers and building principals.

2. Our families, teachers and students will experience this shelter-in-place model of learning for a couple of weeks prior to the scheduled April vacation. We feel that it is in the best interest of everyone to take the April vacation as scheduled. State guidance left this decision up to local communities and you will hear that surrounding districts will chose one of the following: maintain the vacation, eliminate the vacation or modify the vacation. Those districts who choose to work through vacation will remove four days from the end of their school year. By chance, if we are able to return to school we do not want to lose those four days in June. In addition, the break provides everyone the opportunity to reflect and evolve household plans moving forward if the closure continues through the end of the school year. We are asking our staff to update the [remote learning opportunities](#) for those families who want to maintain student engagement.

3. Our teachers and administrators are collaboratively establishing learning rubrics for students preK-12. Our plan is to roll out four rubrics for grades preK-1, 2-4, 5-7 and 8-12 after April vacation on Monday, April 27, 2020. These rubrics will be utilized to measure student participation and learning engagement. We know this is not perfect for everyone and we appreciate your flexibility and patience as we establish student expectations and accountability for learning moving forward. More information will be sent to you from teachers and principals. Monday, April 27, 2020 will mark the start of the fourth quarter for students grades 5-12

As a final thought, this unprecedented time leads us through a labyrinth of decisions that impact every student, family and staff member in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. We continue to follow all provided guidance as we work with our surrounding districts to monitor best practices and decisions that are made. We wish all of you good health and opportunities to make the best of our circumstances. Again, no question is too small for your respective principal or teacher.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche