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All,

As we continue to monitor guidance and recommendations from state agencies we wanted to share terms that are extremely important to our function as a district.

Mitigating *community transmission* is a priority and the reason we continue to narrow down school activities and events. Commonly, we are looking at approximately 30 days ahead. While after school activities including athletics continue, we can safely expect further guidance for will be forthcoming. We can also predict that we will receive further guidance to cancel or postpone all large crowd events.

Establishing safe *social distancing* and what that would look like in our schools is a struggle without real, guaranteed solutions from the time students ride the bus to school, walk the halls, have lunch and ride the bus home. We will evaluate classroom setups, passing times, lunch blocks and locations, but reality indicates that this will be difficult to enact in our schools.

Attached you will find a new 2-page Quick Reference Guide to COVID-19. Collectively, we need to focus our attention on prevention. Cleaning and washing of hands for 20 seconds is critical in preventing the spread and also the contraction of COVID-19. Something more difficult is to stop touching your face. This is not easy, but socially we can help each other. Lastly, we know this is very difficult for some families, but if your student is sick we are respectfully asking you to keep them home. If they have a fever, we really need your student to be fever free for 24 hours before they return to school.

In the event that our district is closed for an extended period of time, we are establishing a plan to provide school lunches for families that qualify for free and reduced meals.

To this point, the following conditions remain in effect as of today, March 12, 2020.

- The Global Awareness International Trip has been canceled.
- SHRHS domestic out-of-state overnight trips to Florida and South Carolina are canceled.
- We have a moratorium on all field trips, school sponsored events and competitions outside of Worcester County
- Principals are working to reschedule student performances and school events that can be rescheduled. As examples, school music concerts, music productions, theater arts productions, SHRHS and middle school student showcases, scholar breakfast, etc. Building Principals will provide school specific communication to families and caregivers.
- We are canceling all major large group events that would bring many other districts to SHRHS or would send our student to a location, as examples the Band Show and Show Choir at all secondary levels. These cannot be rescheduled, but we will continue to explore opportunities for our students to perform later in the school year.
- At this time, we are postponing all use of our facilities except for local community youth sports programs.

As of today, spring athletics and after school activities will continue as scheduled. In addition, PreK-4 Teacher conferences are still on for March 19, 2020. Remember, these are subject to change with very little notice.

I also want to reiterate, as a district, we do not have the capacity to provide on-line eLearning or alternative technology learning in the event that we are closed for an extended period of time. If you choose to keep your student(s) home we will provide the assignments given to students in school. All we ask is that you communicate with your building principal to arrange for a pickup of student work.

This is an unprecedented time and we need to work together to get to the other side of COVID-19. This will not be easy as everything is fluid and unpredictable.

Respectfully,

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