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All,

I have a few items of importance for your review.

1. Attached you will find a letter for families from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley. The letter reinforces the herculean efforts of our educators and you as parents, caregivers and families - THANK YOU!

2. Governor Baker is preparing a Four-Phase approach to reopening Massachusetts. The framework has been published but details of the businesses that can open in phase one have not been identified. Additionally, all phased reopened businesses must adhere to Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces found here <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-mandatory-safety-standards-for-workplaces>

3. We are moving our meals distribution program from Memorial Day, May 25th to Tuesday, May 26th. We will resume our Monday meals distribution Monday June 1, 2020. Meals will continue to be distributed on Fridays and additional meals will be provided the Friday before Memorial Day.

4. SHRHS Principal Chaplin, Class of 2020 Advisors, Class of 2020 Students and SHRHS educators have evolved planning for the 2020 Seniors given the COVID-19 school shutdown. The Class of 2020 commencement is postponed to a possible rescheduled date of August 2, 2020 with a location/model to be determined. On Sunday May 31, 2020 SHRHS is working on plans with local authorities to have a Class of 2020 Parade of Seniors in cars through Dudley and Charlton. This would be an important community event to celebrate our SHRHS Class of 2020 Seniors. More information will follow.

5. As a District we have been ultra focused on meeting the needs of all students in the "now" and through the reaming weeks of the school year. As we emerge from the "now" we are preparing for some form of reopening and summer programing based on provided guidance and in consultation with town health agents. We do not have details or guidance to determine if we would continue remote learning or the possibility of being in our schools. In the event that we are permitted to have some form of summer learning in our schools, we are confident that severe restrictions and mandatory safety standards will be provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and other state or federal agencies.

Lastly, we are aware that the shutdown and COVID-19 has impacted many families financially and through sickness or even the passing of a loved one. We wish everyone the best of wellness and access to the right supports as we all continue to get through this. Remember, no question is too small for the teacher or principal of your student(s).

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

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