



McDonald, Kelly <kmcdonald@dcrsd.org>

DCRSD Update 02.19.2021

Dudley-Charlton Regional School District <notifications@dcrsd.org>

Fri, Feb 19, 2021 at 5:15 PM

To: Dudley-Charlton Regional School District <notifications@dcrsd.org>

All,

I write to share a few items as we prepare for a return from the February vacation. We hope that everyone has had a great week and that you are all ready for a return to schooling.

As a district we continue to seek peer students for our Integrated Pre-kindergarten Program. We have openings today and invite you to reach out to [Principal Pacheco](#) at Charlton Elementary School or [Principal Desto](#) at Mason Road School to register your child in our great preschool program.

Remember, all out of state travelers must adhere to the [Massachusetts Travel Orders](#). In addition to Hawaii, the state of North Dakota and Puerto Rico have been added to the COVID-19 lower-risk States and are the only exceptions to the requirements of the [Massachusetts Travel Orders](#).

As an Authorized School district, we continue to prepare for participation in the DESE Pool Testing Program. Our COVID Coordinator, [Ms. Anne Marie DeMorris](#), will be working with Project Beacon to prepare us for the roll out of this invaluable program. More information will be coming to you.

This is the day, Friday February 19, that we designated for families to complete two surveys. Completing the surveys does not indicate that you agree with the district plan to increase in-person learning or the timing of such. We need your feedback though, to understand the depth of our planning. We know these are difficult questions and appreciate your participation. Please complete the [DCRSD Transportation Survey](#) as-soon-as-possible and if you have questions please email [Mr. Richard Mathieu](#). Additionally, please complete the [Indication of Intent Survey](#) as-soon-as-possible and if you have questions please email [Dr. Brian Ackerman](#).

Lastly, we were informed of 5 new cases this week. Only one case required contact tracing which is complete. We continue to identify a decisive decline in positive cases in our communities. As of yesterday, February 18, 2021, for the first time in weeks, both towns have been designated yellow at the same time which indicates that the number of new cases is lower in the last two-week period in Charlton and Dudley. We need this trend to continue and ask all families to keep their guard up and maintain community-based mitigating strategies.

Have a great weekend! Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools