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

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All,

I am writing to share a number of important items for you to consider as we prepare for the remaining months of this school year.

What I must stress is that you cannot let your guard down in our COVID world as it continues to be serious and can adversely impact anyone of us in the coming days, weeks or months. We are only as good as our collective effort to support the district's layered mitigating strategies so that we can keep COVID out of our schools and students in our schools for the remaining months. This continues to be a herculean effort by everyone and your partnership is critical. There are factors that could change our plan of increased in-person learning if we do not work together.

If your child is sick, please keep them home and contact your school nurse. Do not dismiss the mildest COVID like symptoms as we move to more increased in-person learning. The [self-certification/screening form](#) must be completed daily. We need you to establish this daily, required habit as-soon-as-possible.

Another layered mitigating strategy moving forward with increased in-person learning is that we are designated as a pooled testing agency. To date, 358 staff and students have expressed interest in participating in the pooled testing initiative in the DCRSD. It is not too late to express interest by completing the [Interest Survey](#). Additionally, please visit our [COVID Dashboard](#) to find all of your DCRSD COVID related information.

We determined that we have an identifiable, isolated transmission connected to our schools. All educational community members connected to this transmission have been contacted. We convened a team to include school personnel, administration, the Dudley Health Agent and the Charlton Health Director to review this case of transmission. This team will continue to meet and monitor this situation closely, but again, all educational community members involved have been contacted.

Lastly, attached you will find new guidance from the Commissioner of Education sent to all district leaders today. The DCRSD increased in-person learning plan first shifts to full in-person for 5 half days next Monday, March 15, 2021. The next date for more increased in-person learning, full days of school, for the DCRSD is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021. With the new attached guidance and the Commissioner's outlined expectations to include April dates for elementary and middle school with a pending date for high school we will review our current plan to understand the crosswalk with our original plan. Our goal is to provide the School Committee with a recommendation, based on the new guidance, tomorrow evening at their [regularly scheduled school committee meeting](#).

Note; full remote learning will remain in place for those who selected it for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for your time and I hope everyone enjoys the warming temperatures.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools



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