

March 13, 2020

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your patience as we maneuver through this unprecedented time in dealing with the Corona virus. I have been on conference calls with MA Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the area Superintendents all morning.

The area Superintendents and I stand united in cancelling school for the next two weeks beginning Monday, March 16.

I believe that keeping the emotional and physical health of our entire community is my top priority. The anxiety level of our parents, students and staff, because of this Pandemic, is not conducive for a positive learning environment.

This two week break will allow our professional cleaning company to deep clean all of our buildings and prepare for students' return on Monday, March 30. During this time, we will continue to assess the situation and keep the community informed as we receive new and updated guidelines and direction from the CDC, DPH and DESE.

We are actively working to "keep learning alive" while school is not in session. More details will be announced later today on how we will keep students engaged during the school closure.

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