



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Jordana B. Harper, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear GPS Families, Students, Staff & Community:

We want to reassure you that the health and safety of our students, staff, and community is at the forefront of all of our actions and decisions at this time. We continue to work closely with City, Health, and State Officials as well as coordinating locally to monitor and assess the situation.

We wish to thank the extraordinary support and cooperation of all our GPS school community members for your collective efforts and your understanding. An update will be provided later today after updated DESE/DPH guidance.

We are following CDC, DPH, and DESE guidance and protocols and taking precautions to keep everyone safe as best as possible. If your child is sick, we ask that you keep them home and call your child's doctor. We also encourage any parents/ families with questions to call their child's school. We have specific protocols we are following for any concerns.

As a reminder, numerous steps have been taken to keep students and staff safe, including the following:

- Enhanced cleaning protocols are in place, including in our transportation vehicles.
- International travel has been cancelled or postponed
- Inter-state travel has been cancelled or postponed
- Large group events have been cancelled or postponed
- Students and staff have been instructed to stay home if sick
- All Schools Emergency Preparedness Teams (“All Hazards Team”) have been convened at the school and district level to review and enact preparedness plans
- Updated CDC Travel Guidance has been issued and staff have been asked to adhere to this guidance.
- Additional measures as appropriate based on specific circumstances and on a case-by-case basis.

A reminder that any cancellation/ closure would be determined in keeping with our Emergency Closure Policy and in the same formal communication channels as Snow Days (e.g. School Messenger Call / Text / Email, Local TV & Radio & GPS Website.)

Thank you again for your cooperation and support. A further update will be provided later today.

Sincerely,

Jordana B. Harper
Superintendent