



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Jordana B. Harper, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Families, Students, and Staff:

I am writing with an important update regarding COVID-19 / Corona Virus, following this morning’s earlier message. The Greenfield Public Schools takes the safety of our students and staff as our highest priority, and we have been working around the clock to coordinate with City, State, and Public Health officials in response to this unprecedented situation. As you know, this situation is changing very rapidly. Thank you to all our families, students, and staff for your understanding and cooperation.

We understand that families, students, and staff are concerned about the health of themselves and their loved ones. In particular, we understand concerns for the well-being of the elderly and medically vulnerable members of our school community.

Today, the City of Greenfield announced a State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. This combines with the Governor and President’s declaration of State and Federal States of Emergency. At this time, we do not have any confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 in our schools or in Greenfield. However, in order to coordinate our efforts with local officials and the best available guidance, and due to staffing concerns caused in part by closures of area schools, we are announcing a closure of the Greenfield Public Schools for the next week, from March 16 – 20. Students are expected to return to school on Monday, March 23rd.

During this time, we will complete a deep cleaning of our schools, and further coordinate with Public Health Officials. We will further assess our readiness to re-open within that period of time, and will plan to update families as soon as possible based on available information and in continuing guidance with the MA Department of Public Health, School Committee, and City and State officials.

We understand that many families rely on school meals, and our Food Services team is making preparations for meal service during this closure. We will be sharing information on meals as soon as possible.

I wish to thank everyone for your cooperation and support. In challenging times, I am grateful for this community.

Together,

Jordana B. Harper
Superintendent