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Coronavirus Update:

Our district and community recognizes that we are in a period of uncertainty in which conditions and availability of information regarding the Coronavirus are evolving rapidly. It is our hope to continue having school each day, maintaining a sense of normalcy for our students and the community.

In an effort to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus and in accordance with discussions with the Board of Health, Sutton Public Schools will be implementing the following precautionary measures effective immediately and continuing through the end of April vacation (at which time the situation shall be re-evaluated):

- Only Staff and Students will be allowed into the school buildings.
- Outside organizations and individuals will not be granted access to the schools or its facilities.
- State mandated parent meetings for IEPs will continue. These meetings will take place in the main office of each school building.
- All field trips will be cancelled (including the Washington, D.C. trip so students do not lose their deposits).
- All gatherings/events will be cancelled until further notice.
- All afterschool activities, including clubs and sports, which occur directly after the school day and, in essence, is an “extension” of the school day, will be allowed.
- Aftercare will proceed as usual

We will attempt to reschedule as many of the events as possible pending the cessation of the State of Emergency.

The Commissioner of Education has scheduled a conference call tomorrow morning with all Superintendents. Should new or additional information become available, I will update the community.

Students or staff that have medical conditions or concerns should seek guidance from their primary doctor.

Parents should be proactive and have a plan in place in the event that it becomes necessary to close the schools.

Questions or concerns about the Coronavirus may be directed to the Board of Health at (508) 865-8724.

Regards,

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Superintendent