

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 12, 2020

Dear Parents, Families, and Staff,

We are facing an unprecedented situation due to the rapid spread of COVID-19 across our nation and state. As I am sure you are aware, circumstances are changing by the hour. Although we do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19, we have learned through Governor Lamont's office there is a need for all communities to take a proactive approach in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

In an effort to be proactive in slowing the spread of the Coronavirus and to ensure the safety of students and staff and after consultation with the Eastern Highland Health Director, the Bolton Public Schools will close indefinitely effective Monday, March 16, 2020. It is my sincere hope that the closure will last two weeks, but we will need to closely monitor conditions across the state and region before making a decision on a return date. Health experts say it is crucial that steps be taken to contain the spread of a virus to minimize how quickly it might spread.

Our schools will be open tomorrow, but we understand some parents may choose not to send their children. If that is the case, please contact your child's school and the absence will be excused. Also, please be advised we will not have any formal distance-learning in place during the closure because such an approach would not allow for equitable experiences for all students. Students who are in school tomorrow will be encouraged to bring supplemental work home with other optional work posted on school websites and shared through email.

I will be sharing more information soon about the many questions raised by this imminent closure. I know that this creates hardships for many parents and guardians, but this decision is being made out of the utmost concern for the safety of all of our students and staff. It is my sincere hope that this preventive measure will ensure a return to normalcy as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this unprecedented and stressful situation. Please be sure to check for updates in the coming days.

Sincerely,

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