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To: Region 10 Community
From: Howard Thiery, Superintendent of Schools
Date: March 13, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Update

Region 10 Community Members,

In consultation and coordination with the regional health directors and medical advisors we will be closing the Region 10 schools effective tomorrow, Friday 3/13/2020, for 14 days with hope of opening up again on 3/27/2020. This morning we were notified that a member of our professional community, who does not live in the towns of Burlington or Harwinton, has been directed to self quarantine and monitor for 14 days based on symptoms that are consistent with COVID 19. This staff member did not have any symptoms in school and stayed home to seek medical assistance when symptoms were present. This makes this case a very low risk for transmission to our community. Never the less, based on this information and the growing number of cases statewide in consultation with the Regional Health Directors we have decided that it is best to close our schools down in order to slow any spread of the virus in our community. We have decided to start with a 14 day closing and reevaluate next week as the situation evolves.

The health and safety of our students and community is always foremost in our planning. Our hope is that closing schools now will assist in slowing the spread of this virus throughout our community and state. We will reevaluate the status of our community throughout next week. We are communicating and coordinating with the First Selectman in our towns, the Regional Health Directors, the State Epidemiologist and State Department of Education to make sure that we have the very best information available.

Please do everything to keep yourself and your family safe and healthy. We promise to stay in touch and keep you informed during this school closure. In the mean time I hope that you can make the best of this extraordinary circumstance, maybe read a few extra books, play some new board games and spend time together.

Best Regards,

Howard Thiery
Superintendent
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