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To: Region 10 Community
From: Howard Thiery, Superintendent of Schools
Date: March 16, 2020

Re: COVID19 Update

Region 10 Community Members,

I hope that you all had a good weekend and are taking good physical and mental care of you and your loved ones. We are certainly living in a unique and very fluid time. I wanted to provide you some updates on some topics related to the COVID19 School Closure that you may be wondering about and some that are critical to our work moving forward.

- As of last night the Governor has ordered all schools closed through March 31, 2020. This extends our planned closing by three days. So at this time our planned reopening will be April 1, 2020, but this will be re-evaluated as we move forward. We are planning for the possibility of an extended closure so that we are prepared however it may turn out.
- The Governor has issued a blanket waiver to all school districts for the requirement of 180 days of school. The most immediate implication of this is that the worst case scenario will be that June 30th will be our last day of school.
- The new "High School Graduation Statute" allows us to keep the current graduation date of June 10, 2020 regardless of days missed. At this time that is our intention.
- Tomorrow our Director of Teaching and Learning, Vonetta Romeo Rivers, will be sending out a communication to the community regarding supplemental learning resources that students and families can access during this initial time out of school in order to stay engaged in learning. This will include information for families who don't have access to internet or technology on how they can receive assistance for this time period.
- Over the next two weeks we will be working toward transitioning to "teacher directed distance learning" for students. More information will be sent out later this week.
- Parents of our Middle School students will receive information this week about when they can come to Har-Bur Middle School to pick up their child's personal learning device (computer) so that they are prepared to participate in distance learning.
- Director of Student Services, Dana Corriveau, will be sending an email to the community later this week with resources to support your family including on how to talk to young children about COVID19, and information about places to acquire meals for our families eligible for free and reduced lunch.

We working hard to take care of all of our community members. Please, if there is a question that you truly feel is critical for me to address or information that is critical for me to know please do not hesitate to send me an email at thieryh@region10ct.org. You may also reach out to your building principal(s) if you have questions or need assistance. I will send out another update later this week or sooner if needed.

Please take care of your yourself and we will be in touch.

All my best,

Howard

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