



March 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday, Governor Baker announced that all Massachusetts public schools would be closed until April 7, 2020. This morning, the entire Norwell Public Schools leadership team gathered to discuss plans and best practices for our students and staff as we move through these next weeks. We have all come to understand that the situation is fluid and plans will continually need to be adjusted.

We recognize that extended school closure can be extremely unsettling for everyone. During this time of closure, we will not be able to replicate the traditional school day. Learning opportunities, enrichment, and resources are voluntary. While it will not be business as usual, we will do our best to provide learning opportunities that help students experience academic continuity and connectedness. A variety of learning options that are grade and subject level appropriate will be provided to students and families. The particular details will be provided by building principals and their teachers shortly.

Guidance is continually evolving from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as well as the Department of Public health. We will provide relevant information on a timely basis.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Buildings are closed. If you need to retrieve something, please contact your building principal
- Technology Support - If you have any technology questions in terms of parent passwords for Schoology or ASPEN, please contact Kathleen Lynch at [Kathleen.Lynch@norwellschools.org](mailto:Kathleen.Lynch@norwellschools.org) or 781-659-8800 ext. 1013
- Student medication can be picked up by coordinating with the school nurse
- If you receive free or reduced lunch and have not received communication from Food Services, please contact Judy Crooks at [judith.crooks@norwellschools.org](mailto:judith.crooks@norwellschools.org) or 781-659-8800 ext. 1036

- For building-based questions, please contact your principal
- Questions for Central Office personnel should be directed to Janis Arnold at [janis.arnold@norwellschools.org](mailto:janis.arnold@norwellschools.org) or 781-659-8800 ext. 1015

As we all strive to navigate the ramifications of the evolving coronavirus in our communities, we will continue to provide you with information. Most importantly, we are engaging in efforts to keep you and your family safe and connected. Thank you for your support and be assured that we will continue to be in regular contact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Keegan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and last name "Keegan" clearly distinguishable.

Matthew A. Keegan  
Superintendent of Schools