



QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Quincy Public Schools Staff, Students, and Parents,

This morning, Superintendents and district administrators from across Massachusetts participated in a conference call with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Jeffrey Riley and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel on the COVID-19 coronavirus. Following this call, written guidance was issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and after review with Mayor Thomas Koch and the Quincy School Committee, the following decisions were made:

- **Quincy Public Schools will be closed for the next two weeks**, with an anticipated re-opening on Monday, March 30, 2020. Under the revised guidelines issued earlier this week by DESE on school year calendars, the last day of school for Quincy Public Schools students will be now be Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24 for staff. The MIAA has delayed the start of spring athletics to March 30 as well.
- Enrichment opportunities will be provided for elementary, middle, and high students next week through the Quincy Public Schools website at www.quincypublicschools.com. Packets will also be available at the meal distribution sites listed below.
- To assist our families during these two weeks, “grab-and-go” meals will be available for students at North Quincy High School, Quincy High School, Snug Harbor Community School, and Lincoln Hancock Community School. The meals will be distributed Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to noon each day. *Additional details will be posted on the QPS website.*

This difficult decision was based on input from many stakeholders in the Quincy Public Schools community and while Massachusetts residents are still considered at low risk, the goal is to protect the community and hopefully slow the spread of the virus. Over the next two weeks, the Superintendent’s Leadership and Principals Teams will be continuing to evaluate new information as it becomes available from state and local officials. We will continue to share updates with Quincy Public Schools staff, students and families over the next few weeks and I appreciate your continued patience as we experience this unprecedented event together.

Sincerely,

Richard DeCristofaro, Ed.D
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