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Subject: A Message from the Superintendent

A message from NORFOLK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Botelle Family,

I am writing to update you on our response to the COVID-19 virus.

1. Representatives from the Torrington Area Health District recently met with area superintendents to review up-to-date information regarding this novel coronavirus. We watched a helpful video of Dr. Peter Lin sharing the facts about this coronavirus. You can google Dr. Peter Lin to watch this video.

The Torrington Area Health District stays in close contact with the Center for Disease Control and will keep the superintendents updated on the spread of this illness. They once again stressed the simple things we can all do to keep ourselves and our families healthy. They are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 second. This is especially important after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
 - Stay home when you are sick
 - Cover your cough or sneeze
 - Stay far away from sick people
2. Yesterday, the Governor held a conference call with state and elected officials, along with school superintendents, to provide an overview of the state's efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Of course, the state's guidance is subject to change in the coming days, weeks and months. With that said, here is an update of their recommendation for postponing or cancelling events:
 - Consider cancelling and postponing all events with over 100 people in attendance.

Lauren and I will review all in-state and out-of-state field trips and activities. Each event will be carefully considered and evaluated based on the state's guidance. Therefore, any extracurricular event or student activity taking place (within the next few weeks) with more than 100 people in attendance will either be cancelled or postponed. We will be sending information out regarding future events in separate emails.

3. Possible School Closure: **IF** we are faced with a school closure, it is **MOST LIKELY** that we

will make up the days missed. **IF** that occurs, April vacation may become school days and the remaining days would then be tacked on to the last day of school. I am not committing to this plan at this time. However, it is

the most likely scenario should a school closure become necessary. The decision to close school would be made in conjunction with the Torrington Area Health District.

4. Our custodial crew continues to work hard to keep our school and work surfaces clean.

It is important to note that the most effective way to stop the spread of this virus is to thoroughly wash your hands and keep them away from your face, nose, eyes and mouth. Please reinforce these practices with your children.

I hope you are able to open your windows and enjoy this warm weather. It is my hope that our collective efforts will keep the COVID-19 virus at bay!

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Iacobelli

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