

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

250 PAWTUCKET BOULEVARD
TYNGSBORO, MASSACHUSETTS 01879-2199
TEL: (978) 454-5411 FAX: (978) 441-5344
www.gltech.org

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jill A. Davis
Superintendent-Director

Michael R.H. Barton
Assistant Superintendent/Principal

William J. Collins
Superintendent-Emeritus



Paul E. Morin
Chair
Kempton P. Giggey
Vice-Chair
Fred W. Bahou, Jr.
Secretary
Lee Gitschier
Curtis J. LeMay
George W. O'Hare
Matthew J. Sheehan
George A. Tatseos

December 21, 2020

Dear Greater Lowell Tech Families,

As we approach the holiday break, we would like to provide you with some important updates.

MCAS Update

We received notification from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that students in Grade 11 (Class of 2022) will not participate in MCAS testing in January & February 2021 as originally planned. Testing for Class 202022 in English Language Arts and Mathematics is being postponed until later in the school year. Additionally, members of the Classes of 2021-2023 will not be required to take the Biology MCAS and, instead, will need to demonstrate earned credit in Biology in order to meet the high school science graduation requirement. Grade 12 seniors who have not received a passing grade on the ELA and Mathematics MCAS will need to take the retest January 14th through February 5th.

ACCESS Testing Update

ACCESS testing for English Language Learners has been extended from January until the end of May.

Cooperative Education Update

Currently, we have 96 seniors out on cooperative education. Our Cooperative Education Director has been working tirelessly to make this happen. We are grateful for her hard work! This week we were informed that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has given their approval for schools to allow grade 11 students the opportunity to participate in cooperative education beginning February 8, 2021. All grade 11 students will need to have earned their OSHA 10 certification and demonstrate skill competency before being eligible for placement.

8th Grade Virtual Open House

Our 8th Grade Virtual Open House will be held January 5th through 7th online via Zoom each evening from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Links to each session and more information will be available on our website.

Flu Vaccine

Massachusetts requires students attending Kindergarten-Grade 12 to receive the influenza vaccination by December 31, 2020. We will keep you informed if this deadline is revised.

Remote Learning

Based on the trends in the current health data and maintaining our commitment to prioritizing the safety of our students and staff, we will continue with our current full remote learning model after the holiday break. Remote learning will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021.

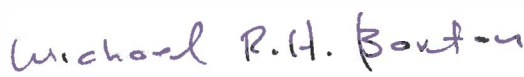
Quarantine Travel

If you are traveling outside of Massachusetts during the holiday break, please remember to follow the quarantine travel guidelines, as well as to notify our school nurses of your travel dates.

In closing, as we reflect on 2020 and all of the unprecedented challenges, we find ourselves more grateful than ever to work with such a dedicated staff, resilient students, and supportive families and are looking forward to a brighter New Year!

Sincerely,

Jill Davis
Superintendent-Director


Michael R.H. Barton
Assistant Superintendent/Principal