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Dear School Community Members,

We understand that many families continue to have questions regarding the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and how it may impact our school community. We appreciate your support as we collaborate with health experts and elected officials to make decisions that are in the best interest of our school community. This communication is to inform you of our precautionary measures that we are taking to ensure the health and wellness of our students and staff.

Athletics

Per MIAA Board of Directors decision, all spring sports have been postponed until Monday, March 30, 2020. We will update you with any changes to our athletic programming on a regular basis.

Building Visitors

Visitors to the building will be limited to parents, guardians, and student support providers needing access to the school for support services. We recommend that parent meetings, if at all possible, be held via telephone.

Cooperative Education

At this time, Cooperative Education (Co-Op) will continue and we will be working with employers to monitor that the environment remains conducive to students' health and wellbeing.

Emergency Distance Learning

As a proactive measure, school administrators and teachers have developed plans to educate students in all major subjects. If needed, this curriculum will be distributed to students and further directions will be provided at that time. Administrators and teachers will be available via email during school hours to provide assistance to students as needed. We recognize that this is not the ideal educational experience; however, this temporary arrangement will provide students and teachers continuous learning opportunities.

Facility Cleaning and Maintenance

The custodial and maintenance staff, working under the direction of our Director of Plant Services, have been vigilant this winter with deep cleaning frequent contact areas, as well as sanitizing classrooms regularly. Over the past few weeks, we have increased the frequency of classroom sanitizing practices and have been highly attentive to common touch areas (doorknobs, faucets, light switches, and tables). Additionally, our custodial staff has supplied classrooms with additional cleaning products to combat viruses. Our custodians and maintenance staff have done an excellent job cleaning and maintaining our facilities and they fully recognize how important it is for them to continue to work hard for our students each and every day.

Facility Rentals / Public Events

At this time, facility rentals/non-school related public events at Greater Lowell have been cancelled. No future facility rentals and/or non-school related events will be scheduled until further notice.

Field Trips

All field trips will be cancelled until further notice.

Field Placements

All Health Assisting & Pre-Nursing clinical site visits have been cancelled to healthcare facilities.

Greater Lowell Technical High School LPN Program/Continuing Education Programming

These programs will continue to be held until further notice.

Public School Services

The Artisan Restaurant, Cosmetology program, and Automotive program services will be closed to the public effective immediately.

Staff Professional Development

All faculty and staff professional development activities scheduled outside of the school building will be cancelled.

Transportation and School Lunch

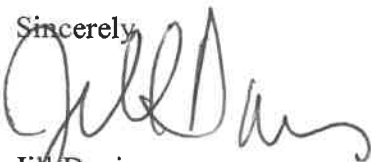
North Reading Transportation service has informed us that they are thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing all school buses. Aramark has been highly responsive to the needs of our school community. Employees are certified for food safety and have reviewed cleaning and sanitization protocols. Additionally, the Food Service Manager has reinforced expectations to keep our kitchens and service areas clean, safe and healthy.

Vendors

At this time, vendors will only be allowed on campus to provide emergency services to the Greater Lowell Technical High School community.

The Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is an evolving situation that we are following closely and our precautions will be evaluated and reassessed daily as additional information comes forward from State and local agencies. Please rest assured that we are monitoring student health concerns. We are in close communication with the local Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health/School Health Unit, as well as health care providers in the community. We remain deeply committed to student and staff wellness and will continue to share new information with you, as necessary, about this evolving situation. At this time, Greater Lowell will remain open tomorrow for all students and staff members.

Sincerely,



Jill Davis

Interim Superintendent-Director