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### FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Amy A. Berdos, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Foxborough Community,

As stated in my communication yesterday, the District remains in close daily communication with local public health officials as well as the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Although there are no known cases that are positive for COVID-19 in Foxborough, I am calling for a protective measure and will close schools for two weeks.

# All Foxborough Public Schools will close from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27, 2020.

These are unprecedented times. Our current environment is continually changing, and we are making decisions based on the latest information available. We recognize that this will be a hardship for many. With that said, as a District, we feel that this decision is in the best interest of students and families.

We understand that students, families, and employees will have many questions in regards to this announcement. The administration will be working together in the next several days to provide you with further communications and answer as many questions as possible that may arise due to this closure. Additionally, our team is working together to provide additional guidance that you may find helpful. Please continue to watch for any communications posted on our District website <a href="https://foxborough.k12.ma.us/">https://foxborough.k12.ma.us/</a> or sent by email from the District or your child's school. I will continue to assess the situation and notify you of any changes.

Again, please know that we remain deeply committed to our students and staff and will continue to update you as information becomes available. As a District, we appreciate your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Sincerely,

Amy A. Berdos, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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#### **Reminders:**

Health officials are encouraging residents to take the following precautions to prevent infectious diseases, such as the flu and COVID-19, from spreading:

- Wash hands frequently, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds.
- When sick yourself, stay home to protect others and practice social distancing.
- Always cover your cough or sneeze.

If you feel you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you should contact your local health department.

For more information, visit the DPH website by <u>clicking here</u> and the CDC's website by <u>clicking</u> here.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is in regular communication with local Boards of Health, healthcare providers, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools and local government officials. COVID-19 information is posted on the MADPH website and updated regularly: Updated information from DPH is available at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus">www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus</a>.

## Fact Sheet for COVID-19

For the latest on monitoring of cases in Massachusetts, visit <a href="https://www.mass.gov/infodetails/covid-19-quarantine-and-monitoring">https://www.mass.gov/infodetails/covid-19-quarantine-and-monitoring</a>.

For questions, contact the DPH Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences at (617) 983-6800