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Dear Foxborough Public Schools Community,

This email is my fifth communication regarding Coronavirus COVID-19. All previous communications can be found under the *Students & Families* tab on our website at https://www.foxborough.k12.ma.us/. The purpose of this update is to share the latest news with you.

During a Press Conference held this evening by Governor Charlie Baker, he announced that all schools in Massachusetts would close for three weeks. As a result, the Foxborough Public Schools will now be closed an additional week.

Foxborough Public Schools will now close from March 16th through April 3, 2020.

We realize that there are many questions about the continuation of learning and resources that will be made available for students. We are hoping to provide more information regarding these questions as early as tomorrow.

In the immediacy, students may have things in their lockers that they wish to obtain. If your child needs access to their locker, school buildings will open tomorrow, Monday, March 16th from 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM for this purpose.

Health officials have recommended social distancing as a protective measure to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As stated by the Governor and other health officials, it is critically important that we abide by these recommendations. We must all do our part to prevent the spread of this virus, including limiting the amount of time our students spend together outside of school.

In these uncertain times, students may have questions or concerns. The following is a link from the National Association of School Psychologist (NASP) with resources that may be helpful when talking to children of all ages about the COVID-19 pandemic. Click here for access to <u>Talking to Children about COVID-19</u>.

We understand the hardship social distancing will create for your families and others. As a school community, we will continue to provide you with the best we can under these uncomfortable circumstances.

Please watch for further updates in the coming day(s).

I wish you all good health and the very best to you and your family during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools

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