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Dear Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District Families:

Yesterday, Governor Baker declared a state of emergency in Massachusetts to support the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19. Today, I am writing to inform you of the steps we are taking in the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District in response to the outbreak of COVID-19.

This morning, our administrative team met with Tammy Spencer, the Health Director for the Southwick Board of Health, and Marcia Lamoureux, STGRSD lead nurse, to review best practices. It is important to note that the COVID-19 outbreak is a fluid situation, and plans put in place today may have to change tomorrow based on updated guidelines.

As of today and until further notice, we will be taking the following steps in the School District:

1. All out of state field trips will be canceled or postponed.
2. All field trips to venues of over 50 people will be canceled or postponed.
3. Any school gathering that would exceed over 50 attendees will be canceled or postponed. This includes but is not limited to the SRS Pops Concert, Powder Mill Spring Fling, First Grade Play, and Drama performance at the Regional School.
4. Athletics will continue with tryouts on Monday; however, we are closely monitoring this situation and will make adjustments based on guidance from the MIAA and PVIAC.
5. Parent Teacher Conferences are still planned to be held tomorrow evening, March 12, 2020. However, an alternate plan for the high school conferences will be communicated to those families by Principal Turmel. We will also be practicing safe social distance practices. This includes no hand shaking and keeping a larger than normal personal distance. If you have traveled internationally or not feeling well, we request you do not attend conferences. Instead, please reach out to your child's teacher to set up a phone conference or reschedule to a different time.

The District is working diligently to be responsive to all the guidelines and recommendations from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is holding a conference call with Superintendents across the state tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. and adjustments may be made at that time.

In the meantime, please continue to wash your hands thoroughly and keep children home from school when they are ill. If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them home from school: temperature of 100.4 F, coughing, vomiting, and diarrhea, any rash not yet diagnosed by a physician, red or pink itchy eyes, and/or drainage from eye, and any contagious illness such as chicken pox, strep throat or flu. Children who are sick should stay home until they are feeling well and fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. As always, you should consult your physician if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for your support as we do all we can to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office or your child's school.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer C. Willard".

Jennifer C. Willard
Superintendent