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Dear Members of the East Greenwich Community:

Based on the most recent guidelines provided by the Department of Health and the Department of Education concerning best practices around preventing the spread of COVID-19, the district will be cancelling and/or rescheduling school events/activities where a large group of people will be gathered. Your individual school will provide you with more information regarding individual school activities. To the best of our knowledge, we know of no one in the district that is or has been infected. Once again, this decision is being made out of an abundance of caution. We continue to take every precaution to keep our students and staff safe. Additionally, we have assembled a district school task force to begin to develop a distance learning plan. When the plan is completed, we will share it with you.

Please see below information received from Dr. Alexander-Scott, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

- The Rhode Island Department of Health has a 24 hour hotline 401-222-8022 for anyone seeking information about the COVID-19 virus. You may also access the RI Department of Health's website <https://health.ri.gov/>
- A recommendation to amend school districts' attendance policy to ease the requirement of medical notes for students and staff during this period of time.
- It was recommended that all school related international trips be cancelled.
- School custodial staff should clean door handles, door knobs, and railing twice per day (morning and after school).
- The RI Department of Health protocols for handwashing and cleanliness were reviewed and can be found at the RI Department of Health's website <https://health.ri.gov/>
- Dr. Scott stressed that someone needs to be exposed to someone who actually has the virus in order to be considered high risk in contracting the virus.
- The general risk in Rhode Island remain very low.

Respectfully,



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