



ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 11, 2020

Dear Ansonia Public Schools Families,

I am writing to provide an update to you about the efforts our district has taken to address the challenges presented by the Covid-19 virus. I want you to know that as of today, there haven't been any reported cases of a student or staff member in our district with Covid-19.

In an effort to keep you informed of our planning efforts, I am asking that you carefully read this letter. I also want you to know that my office is working very closely with local health officials and that this is a very fluid situation. **Our plans are subject to change and we will notify you as quickly as possible of any changes.**

The goal of the following actions is to protect the health and safety of Ansonia's children and staff:

1. Ansonia Public Schools will have a **special early release day this Friday, March 13, 2020**. This will allow our teachers to create learning packets in case of a Covid-19 school closing. These learning packets will support a maintenance of learning for our students, and the early release time will provide the needed planning time for our teachers. Please refer to your school's early release day schedule for further information.
2. Families should develop contingency plans in the event that schools are closed. The length of time that has been discussed by health professionals is 10 days.
3. We are requesting that the general public limit their visits to the schools. Parents and guardians are welcome to continue to pick up their children for medical reasons. Children who are ill should be kept home.
4. We are cancelling all out of district field trips effective immediately.
5. All gatherings of 100 or more people will be cancelled until further notice. In addition, all non-essential meetings and events will be cancelled.
6. Our elementary mentoring program, which involves 60 adult mentors, will be suspended until further notice.
7. We are continuing to follow protocols for enhanced sanitation of high contact areas, including but not limited to door handles and handrails. Our bus company is also providing additional cleaning on the school buses.

We will remain vigilant in remaining in contact with the local health department, other city agencies and the State of Connecticut. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work through this challenging situation.

Sincerely,



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