



March 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Friends of Region 14,

The following letter contains a great deal of very important information. We ask that you take time to carefully read this letter and always remember to rely on Region 14 official sources for your information rather than other news sources or social media.

It has come to our attention that a student in the Region 14 school district has come into contact with a person who tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. At this time, the student and their family are healthy and showing no signs of illness. They are self-monitoring at their home for 14 days in cooperation with their local health district per federal and state guidelines.

In cooperation with the Pomperaug District Department of Health, the Torrington Area Health District, the Connecticut State Department of Health and the Connecticut State Department of Education the following measures will be implemented at all Region 14 Schools.

Out of an abundance of caution all Region 14 school buildings will be closed from March 11th through March 15th. The purpose of this closure is to allow all of the buildings to be deep cleaned and disinfected according to federal and state guidelines. No activities will be taking place in any of the school facilities for the duration of the closure. This closure will be handled in the same manner as snow day with the days being made up at the end of the school year.

Additionally, based on new state guidance that has asked all school districts to cancel public events expecting large number of people (over 100) Region 14 will implement the following measures. The Middle School play and High School play rehearsals are postponed indefinitely. All field trips, in state or out of state, have been canceled until further notice. All sport activities have been canceled until further notice; this includes all Parks and Rec activities.

We would like to remind you, once again, that this is being done out of an abundance of caution. According to Dr. Matthew Carter from the State of Connecticut Department of Health, based on the circumstances of this incident the risk to students and staff in our schools is extremely low.

If you have any questions please direct them to the Superintendent of Schools, Joseph Olzacki on his personal cell phone at 860-318-6566.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. Olzacki", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph A. Olzacki, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools