

March 26, 2020

Dear SBRSD School Families,

As I am sure you have now heard, Governor Baker has extended the school closure order for all K-12 schools and non-emergency childcare programs until May 4, 2020.

I have received notification that there will be meetings with the Commissioner of Education, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and the Department of Public Health early Friday morning to give Superintendents further guidance.

The Administrative Team has put together a Remote Learning Plan that provides a detailed approach on how we plan to offer options to keep children engaged in the learning process during the closure. We feel we have developed a comprehensive framework that creates a system for delivering learning experiences in appropriately based contexts for our individual school system. The plan is undergoing final review, and our hope is to rollout the plan to faculty and staff in the next day or so to acclimate them to this framework. By Friday, if necessary, we can make updates to the plan based on the latest guidance coming out at the state level, and then share it with the SBRSD school community by Friday afternoon. Our goal would be to have remote learning in place beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we move through this process in these unprecedented times. Often, we feel like the guidance changes hourly, and we are trying to ensure we are following the laws and regulations, the latest updates, and best practices. Our main goal continues to be to provide

an educational program that is as equitable and accessible as possible to all of our students. Look for an update on Friday!

Please remember each one of us can help each other by continuing to stay at home and follow the guidelines for social distancing. Be well.

Sincerely,

Beth Regulbuto, Superintendent of Schools