

March 13, 2020

Dear SBRSD School Community,

This morning I participated in several conference calls with the Commissioner of Education, the State Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, and the Berkshire County Superintendents. The Administrative Team met as well to continue discussions based on various potential scenarios. There has been a ton of information disseminated, but very little decisive guidance to help us make very difficult decisions. When faced with this type of decision, I turn to the core values I lead by, and number one in importance is the safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty, staff, and our school community.

With that said, I have made the decision to close all schools in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District for a minimum of two weeks beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 with the intended return to school being Monday, March 30, 2020. Most, if not all, Berkshire County Districts will be doing the same in a preemptive measure to limit the spread of the Coronavirus disease. All school facilities Districtwide will be closed without exception during this two-week period.

There will be continuous updates and guidance being provided to us beginning this afternoon, and over the next several weeks. I will provide on-going communication with any information or resources we receive as it becomes available. We will continue to update the District website as well, while we wait for guidance on how best we can keep our school community engaged in learning in the most appropriate based context for SBRSD.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time, and for sharing your children with us each day.

Sincerely,

Beth Regulbuto, Superintendent of Schools