



# Granby Public Schools

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Dear School Families,

According to Monica Bharel, Commissioner of the MA Department of Health, we are at a "critical point in the outbreak in Massachusetts of COVID 19." With new guidance on social distancing, increased presumed and confirmed cases in the region, and to help protect our most vulnerable populations, I have made the decision to close Granby Public Schools Monday, March 16th with a tentative return date of Monday, March 30th. This decision is supported by the Granby Board of Health. That date will be re-assessed throughout the two-week period based upon the COVID-19 situation across the state.

The district leadership team has been meeting and discussing ways to support students during this closure. Today, a member of the student support team went to each classroom to address the upcoming closure and any concerns students may have. Students need to know they are safe, that those people they care about are safe, and that this is temporary to keep everyone safe.

We know that there will be many questions over the upcoming hours and days. This situation is constantly changing with updates from the Governor's Office, DESE, DPH and local BOH. Please know that we are working to create supports for staff and students to continue learning throughout the closure.

We will provide an update with more information by the end of the day.

Thank you for your understanding as we manage this situation.

Sheryl Stanton  
Superintendent

## ***Every Student Every Classroom Every Day***

***Vision*** In the Granby Public Schools, we focus on the whole child, to develop a community that empowers every student to become civically engaged, service-minded, responsible, intellectually curious and prepared individuals engaged in our culturally diverse and global community. We encourage respectful and constructive exchange of feedback within and outside our schools as a pathway to continuous improvement, leading to fearless learning.

***Mission*** We believe that relationships matter. We believe in the promise of every child, in the purpose every child brings to learning, and in the passion every child possesses. We believe that learning is about the growth of all aspects of the child - social, emotional, physical, and intellectual.

*The Granby Public Schools strives to provide a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment in which all students can thrive and succeed in its schools. The Granby Public Schools prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness and ensures that all students have equal rights of access and equal enjoyment of the opportunities, advantages, privileges, and courses of study.*