WSESU

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

March 12, 2020

Dear Families,

53 Green St. Brattleboro Vermont 05301

The WSESD/SU is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely. This message is precautionary only. We have not received recommendations from the Department of Health to close school as there are not any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our area; however, we know this situation could change very quickly. To that end, teachers are getting packets of work ready to send home in the event that we close. The work sent home could include books, worksheets, and other activities as well as online resources for those who can access the internet. For middle and high school students, this will include online work.

If we have to close school you will be notified in the same way you are notified about a weather-related closing. When appropriate and as needed, packets of work will be sent home. Middle and high school students may be sent online assignments.

Precautions that are being taken around the district include extra cleaning and disinfecting "high-contact" areas in all buildings and regularly instructing and encouraging students to practice effective hygiene habits. We are also being extremely cautious about the presentation of symptoms in students and staff. Please keep your child home if they are sick. Children who begin exhibiting symptoms during the day will be sent home. Kuzmeskus is cleaning all buses between runs.

As of Friday, March 13, 2020, all large school gatherings that bring in people from outside the school will be canceled. This is a cautionary measure. The administrator at the school your child attends will send details on specific activities. We will reassess this decision in a few weeks and update as needed. The School Board will determine whether the March 17, 2020 Annual District Meeting will be held.

We are responding to the facts we are receiving from the Vermont Department of Health and CDC. Please check these websites for up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

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