

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT WELCH 7:00PM 3-13-20



# Dedham Public Schools

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Hi Folks,

After consultation with the Dedham Board of Health and Dedham School Committee, and considering all guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, I have determined that the best action to protect students and the community at this time is to **CLOSE all Dedham Public Schools for at least the next two weeks.**

I will continue to monitor developments in this very fluid situation, and will provide updates as new information becomes available. I know this decision will cause challenges for all of us, but I wanted to communicate this decision now so that families can plan for this unprecedented sequence.

I will provide a more comprehensive update later tonight with additional details. Thank you for your patience.

Again, all Dedham Public Schools will be CLOSED for at least the next two weeks.

Thank You

Mike Welch

Superintendent