

March 12, 2020

Dear ER9 Community:

The purpose of this email is to inform the Easton, Redding, and Region 9 Communities that after today's normal dismissal of students I will be cancelling school for Friday, March 13, and all of next week through and including March 20.

I have spoken with our Easton and Redding Directors of Health as well as the First Selectman in Easton and the First Selectwoman in Redding. I have also spoken with the Chiefs of both Police Departments.

I have not heard that any person in Easton or Redding has received confirmation of having the COVID-19 coronavirus.

At this point closing the schools is a prudent measure. For tomorrow and next week, unless there are new developments, we will not have students or staff or faculty come into our buildings. However, twelve-month staff members, including custodians and our main office staff in each school as well as Central Office will report to work.

I will continue to communicate with you as I learn more about this developing situation.

To the degree that we are able to do so, our teachers will share ideas with families about activities that could be pursued at home by the students. As much of this work would have been prepared tomorrow, we won't have as much available, but we will do what we can.

Between this afternoon and the end of next week, teachers will not be assigning work, nor will they be expected to collect or grade materials from their students. They, too, will be at their homes.

I will let you know about the week after next by the middle of next week. To be clear, I am reserving a decision about the week of March 23; I will consult with appropriate persons and make the prudent decision.

I ask us all to remain calm and carry on.

Thank you,

Tom McMorran

Superintendent

Easton, Redding & Region 9 Schools