

March 12, 2020

Dear Dover Sherborn Families,

As you are aware, we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation across the state and within our community. **As we as a district have not received any additional health information related to Dover and Sherborn, schools will remain open for students and staff and classes will continue as scheduled and planned.** However, out of an abundance of caution, the district is cancelling all non-essential activities, meetings, gatherings and community events in our school buildings effective Friday March 13th.

I recognize that this may be a disruptive and disappointing decision, however, as I have said in the past, the health and safety of our students is our highest priority.

These are examples of events or activities that are being cancelled:

- Schoolwide assemblies
- Student performances, including the high school musical
- Parent teacher conferences and special education team meetings (we will work to arrange these remotely and you will be contacted by your child's teacher/liaison for scheduling)
- School sponsored field trips. (It is too early to make a final decision on the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip, but will keep families apprised as we receive more information)
- SAT testing scheduled to take place this weekend has been rescheduled to March 28th and is subject to change further
- Use of our buildings by non-school groups

The Dover Sherborn Extended Day Programs will continue to operate as usual. Because spring athletics have not yet begun, we are awaiting further guidance from the MIAA and will keep our athletes and families informed of changes in this regard.

Cancelling events and activities that are so highly valued by staff, students, and community members alike is disappointing. Please know your hard work and efforts do not go unrecognized. I am hopeful that some of these events may be able to be rescheduled for later in the year.

As this is a very fluid situation, I will continue to keep you informed when updates become available.

Thank you for your continued support as we move through this challenging period for our schools and communities.

Sincerely,

Andrew Keough, Ed.D.
Superintendent