



# Littleton Public Schools

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Dear Littleton Families,

As you are aware, Sunday evening Governor Baker ordered a three-week suspension of school operations for educational purposes at all public and private elementary and secondary (K-12) schools in the Commonwealth, beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Under this mandate, schools may not re-open for normal operations before Monday, April 6, 2020. The decision made by Governor Baker to close schools and suspend educational programming was based on the increasing number of cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, and out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of children and school staff.

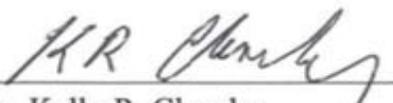
The Governor stressed the importance of individual and familial responsibility in helping mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through social distancing. Dr. Asaf Bitton's article, "[Social Distancing: This is Not a Snow Day](#)" provides a comprehensive explanation of the importance of our community responsibility. To this end, we encourage you to avoid group activities as well as using playing fields, including Alumni Field, individual school playgrounds, and recess areas.

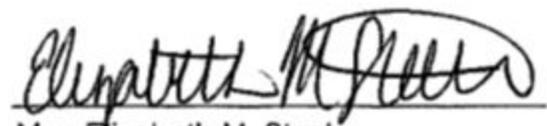
The Littleton Leadership Team and faculty recognize the significant disruption that the closing of schools has on student learning. It is important to keep in perspective that it is not possible to substitute learning at home for all of the instruction that takes place in a comprehensive PK-12 school district. Consistent with guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, our staff is working collaboratively to provide optional distance engagement opportunities for students during this extended closure. These opportunities are intended to keep students engaged with alternative enrichment opportunities.

We also recognize that families are being overwhelmed with "free" or suggested learning sites and resources, which is why we created and shared with families the Optional Enrichment Opportunities document. That was our first phase of enrichment opportunities for our students. We have now shifted into the second phase, which emphasizes grade span specific opportunities, found [here](#). We would like to express gratitude to our staff who jumped in and offered more optional enrichment opportunities. This website will be the main resource center for all school closure and COVID-19 information moving forward. It will be updated as new information becomes available, and as we continue to work with staff to develop grade-specific enrichment opportunities.

We thank our families for their continued support and patience during this ever-evolving public health emergency. We will continue to provide you with information and updates as we proceed through the days and weeks ahead.

Best regards,

  
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