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Dear Malden Public School Families and Staff:

We want to update you on the latest information we have regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Governor Baker has declared a "state of emergency" in an attempt to give Massachusetts "more flexibility to respond to the developing outbreak."

We have had families and staff inquire whether this declaration changes anything for the Malden Public Schools. **As of now, the Governor's declaration of a "state of emergency" will not result in any immediate actions for the Malden Public Schools. *Our schools will remain open until further notice.***

I have been in contact with the City's Board of Health and Emergency Management Team on a daily basis and we will continue to follow the guidance put forth by city, State (Massachusetts Department of Public Health) and federal (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) health experts. We understand that families and staff have questions regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may impact the Malden School Community. We stress that families need to be particularly vigilant in taking some general precautions to remain as healthy as possible. We also continue to take precautions in our schools with extra cleaning and making sure hand sanitizer is available. In the meantime, the following actions can help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

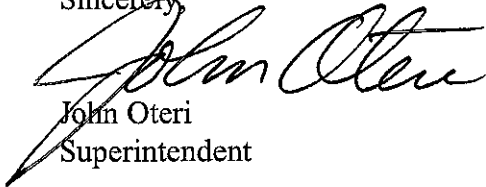
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid sharing drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels or other items.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, as much as possible
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with a tissue or paper towel which can be discarded after use.

Please contact the school nurse if you are unsure whether your child should attend school or stay home. Also, a student with a fever should remain home for at least 24 hours after the fever has resolved **without** use of medication.

For more information and updates please visit the Malden Health Department's website at <https://www.cityofmalden.org/706/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>.

Again, the Malden Public Schools will remain open. Should the situation change you can be assured we will notify you immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Oteri". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "O".

John Oteri
Superintendent