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Dear Malden Public Schools Families,

I am writing with important information regarding the steps the district will be taking to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families as the situation surrounding the Coronavirus continues to evolve.

Based on the evolving conditions associated with the COVID-19 outbreak occurring throughout the state, the Malden Public Schools, in consultation with City of Malden officials, have made the decision to close all Malden Public Schools beginning tomorrow, Friday, March 13, 2020. **As the situation remains fluid, Malden Public Schools will be closed indefinitely.**

The decision to close schools is not one that we take lightly. We understand the serious implications this action has. We understand that this is an extremely difficult situation for families to face. However, we believe these steps are necessary given the information we have gathered from local and state experts over the past few days.

For those readers who are staff members, over the next few days, the Superintendent of Schools will work collaboratively with the Malden Education Association to finalize plans for moving forward. We will update staff and families in the coming days with additional information about our plans.

We ask for your flexibility, support, and understanding as we work to best address the needs of our community at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

John Oteri

Superintendent of Schools