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**Subject:** COVID Update (3/10/20)

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## Message from the Superintendent of Schools



### **Vision:**

The Somers Public Schools strives to be an exceptional and innovative educational community.

### **Mission:**

The mission of the Somers Public Schools is to prepare each student to contribute and succeed in an ever-changing global society.

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## **COVID-19 Update (3/10/20)**

Dear Somers Public Schools Parents/Guardian,

Yesterday, we participated in a statewide emergency preparedness conference call that included the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, and other state agency heads. During this call, we were provided additional guidance on how to proceed to help protect our communities from COVID-19.

The Governor issued a directive to all state employees restricting out of state travel and large events over 100 people. Additionally, the Commissioner of Education provided guidance that schools should strongly reconsider athletic events, school plays/concerts, and field trips. This morning, the CIAC canceled all winter sports tournaments.

After lengthy discussions and assessments, we are postponing field trips and school-sponsored large events (e.g., drama productions, concerts, awards ceremonies, etc.) through April vacation. This will be effective Wednesday, March 11, 2020. We will continually re-evaluate all future events and communicate their status with you. Unfortunately, some events may need to be canceled. Refunds will be made for canceled events that parents have already made payment.

We will continue to operate schools normally with some other possible adjustments. After school clubs and spring sports practices will continue as planned. The before and after school program at

Somers Elementary School will continue to operate.

This decision is not made lightly, but we feel that during these times of uncertainty, it is best to be overly cautious and do what we can to ensure safety and help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Preparations for possible school closures are ongoing. We will provide an additional update later this week.

Thank you.

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