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Good Fall Friday to all!

I wanted to make sure you heard this from me first. In a surprise **Health Advisory System reclassification this morning**, the Governor identified York County as 'green' which means that the risk of Covid-19 transmission is 'relatively low.' Governor Mills will provide the next statewide Health Advisory System classification by county on Friday, October 23rd. What does this mean for the Kittery School District? Nothing will change at our three schools during the school day. We will continue to deploy in '**Status Yellow**' as we have been since September 8th. We must also continue to follow **The Kittery Promise** (daily self check, mask-wearing, physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, etc...).

The one big change to York County's reclassification to 'green' involves **interscholastic athletics**. The shift to 'green' in York County will allow our high school interscholastic athletics programs to begin. There are still 4 weeks remaining in the fall season, and I know Mr. Roberge, the coaches, and our student-athletes are eager to get out there! More details about that will follow from Mr. Roberge's office.

In other news, the Maine Dept. of Education recently revised the tool we are all using for '**self checks**' prior to coming to school or boarding a school bus. The revised 'self check' tool is attached here, and it is also posted to all four District websites. What has changed? The Maine Dept. of Education and the Maine CDC have removed several of the 'Less Common Symptoms' from the list. The following 'Less Common Symptoms' have been removed from the 'self check' tool:

-Stomach Pain
-Swelling or redness of hands/feet
-Rash
-Red eyes/eye drainage

I want to again emphasize how critical it will be for parents/guardians to notify the school nurse immediately if your student or someone in your household has tested positive for Covid-19. Even if a Maine CDC official assures you that he/she will notify the school, I am emphatically requesting that you notify the school yourself as soon as possible once a positive Covid-19 test is determined.

When school is in session (typically Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM), you should call your student's school to alert the school nurse of a positive Covid-19 test. Outside of school hours (evenings, weekends, and holidays), call the school and leave a message on the school nurse's phone. In addition, please send an email message to your student's principal and school nurse. Here is the information you'll need:

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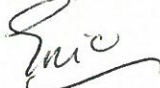
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Finally today, here's a quick reminder that **Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences** will begin next week. If you haven't signed up for conferences, please do! Not sure how to sign up? Call your student's school today. They will walk you through the simple process.

Have a restful weekend...better days ahead!

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools