

# Kittery

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Dear Kittery School District families...

I read Principal Gamache's daily communication to her staff this morning; in it, she mentioned that we've successfully completed 5 weeks of school...WOW! That flew by! Thank you all for being part of the team, for recognizing the successes and challenges, and for maintaining a 'solution-focused' perspective. WE ARE KITTEERY!

I am pleased to report that the Governor's Health Advisory Status update has York County remaining in a '**Yellow**' **classification** for another week. Let's remain cautious and positive that we can continue to operate our school district in Status Yellow (as we have for five weeks now) for many weeks to come.

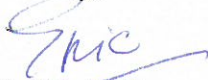
Just a quick reminder to all stakeholders. Our '**mask-wearing requirement**' applies to everyone on our three campuses (and the Central Office at Town Hall) and extends to our outside spaces as well. Before leaving your car, don your mask. It's a simple action which will help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Of course, our staff has been executing '**mask breaks**' flawlessly with our students, and that will continue. Are you a parent picking up a student at dismissal? Are you getting out of your car to chat? Keep your distance and wear your mask.

Finally, I've attached a flyer that I want to share with you. It details three upcoming **Community Conversations** that the Kittery School District is hosting. These are part of the District's visioning process for the future. We would love to have you join us for one, two, or all three of the Community Conversations. The flyer describes how you can receive access to the Zoom link. **The first one is October 26th.**

Enjoy the weekend! **Indigenous Peoples' Day** will be celebrated on Monday, so no classes for anyone (at school or remote) that day.

With you all the way!

Sincerely,



Eric Waddell  
Superintendent of Schools

# Vision 2025: Community Conversations



## YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED!

Kittery School District is creating a new vision for the future. Join us for a series of interactive conversations about the hopes and dreams that our community has for our youth. Engage with other community members, parents, teachers, administrators, and students around questions of engagement, success, and innovation in our schools.

Don't miss these fall opportunities to share your insights, experiences, and vision for educational excellence:



**October 26, 2020 | 6:00-7:30**

**How has 2020 shifted our thinking about schooling and education?**

*The year 2020 has challenged us to rethink, reprioritize, and adjust to new circumstances. What realizations and ideas do we want to hold onto for years to come as we consider next steps for our school system?*

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**November 16, 2020 | 6:00-7:30**

**How do we educate our students in a rapidly changing world?**

*We all agree that schools should prepare students to be successful in their next steps after graduation. What does it mean to be college and career ready in today's world?*

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**December 7, 2020 | 6:00-7:30**

**How do we ensure the success of all of our students?**

*Our educational system strives to ensure the success of every single student. What conditions do students need in order to feel engaged, safe, and able to succeed?*

All community conversations will be engaging and highly interactive virtual experiences over Zoom. Please register by calling Donna Schoff at the Superintendent's Office (207-475-1334) or via email ([dschoff@kitteryschools.com](mailto:dschoff@kitteryschools.com)) by the Thursday before each event.