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Good Friday afternoon to you!

Just moments ago, the Governor's office announced that York County's **Health Advisory System** status has been moved from 'green' to 'yellow.' According to the Governor's press release, this is a result of "increases in the number of cases per capita" in York County over the past two weeks. Specifically, the increase has been traced to a wedding reception in Millinocket on August 7th. It just goes to show what can happen if we don't follow the safety guidelines established by the CDC, and how widespread those consequences can be.

I am relieved that the Kittery School District, in spite of previous 'green' Health Advisory System designations for York County (since July 31), established its September 8th school opening deployment as 'status yellow'. I'd like to say that I have a crystal ball and knew that our County status would change; that's not the case, of course! Back on August 14th, I felt it was a prudent move to have us launch in status 'yellow', given our proximity to New Hampshire, the beaches/tourist areas, and I-95, and the level of concern of our families and employees. I've been listening to you since March 12th!

Unless other drastic changes occur between now and Tuesday morning, we will move forward with our plan to deploy in status 'yellow'. Remember **The Kittery Promise!** The safety measures detailed in that are more important now than ever before. I've attached it here for your reference.

Enjoy the weekend...seriously!

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools