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Good afternoon to all!

Maybe it's the sunshine; maybe it's Friday; maybe it's the season; maybe it's the FDA, but I'm feeling hopeful today. I hope you are feeling hopeful as well. We have gone through a lot since March, and although COVID-19 positive cases are on the rise, I'm feeling very hopeful for 2021...better days ahead!

The **Health Advisory System** re-classification was released today. York County remains in a **YELLOW** classification for another week. A yellow classification suggests that the county has an elevated risk of COVID-19 spread, so please continue to be vigilant with all the mitigation efforts--masks, physical distancing, avoid travel, stay home as much as possible, and **MOST IMPORTANTLY** follow the Daily Self Check and **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS.**

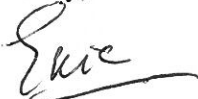
Since my last communication with you on Monday, the Maine CDC has made another **adjustment to their quarantine requirements**. Anyone who travels outside of Maine, New Hampshire, or Vermont FOR ANY REASON must quarantine for **10 days** (previously 14 days) **or** get a PCR test on day 5 with a negative result and no symptoms. This applies to both students and staff.

We've had a good run weather-wise, but it's inevitable that we'll have stormy weather that may result in a **two-hour delayed start**. Since our K-5 students already have an abbreviated school day, we are making plans for a 'Delayed Start' schedule for our K-5 students. Please watch for details about that from Principal Gamache and Principal Ellis on Monday.

Finally (and as promised), I am sharing a link with you here to a very short **10-question survey** about your student's educational experience so far this year. Your honest feedback (it's anonymous) will help us gauge what we are doing well and what we may want to focus on when we return to school following the December break (**please complete the survey for each of your students**). The very best organizations are ALWAYS looking for ways to improve. We promote a growth mindset with our students, and it must also be applied to our work as well.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,



Eric Waddell
Superintendent of Schools