

Kittery

School District

Truth & Knowledge

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Dear Kittery School District Families & Staff...

As the end of the day approaches, I feel like throwing my arms back, my chest out, and running through an imaginary finish line ribbon. Yes! I hope you and your students have a much-needed respite from the sometimes imperceptible stresses of school and life amid a pandemic. Put down the electronics and do something fun (and safe!). This snow won't be around forever; get out there and slide, skate, ski, snowshoe...6 feet apart, with a mask. Make it happen!

As promised, I have a reclassification update to Maine's Health Advisory System. All counties in Maine have received a **GREEN** classification today, including York County. The number of new COVID-19 cases (students and staff) in the last 30 days in Maine schools is 36 per 10,000 compared to 81 per 10,000 statewide. Let's commit to keeping those numbers moving downward even during a school break and during the weeks to follow. It's up to you. We know mask-wearing is effective. We know distancing works. We know staying home if you're feeling sick works. Let's continue to keep the **Promise**.

If you must travel outside of ME, NH, or VT during the school break, remember the guidelines (the COVID-19 DASHBOARD on our website has the details). Families of students should contact their school nurse and principal with their travel plans. Staff should contact the Human Resources office if they haven't already. If you are traveling, remember to mask-up; the CDC reported this week that double-masking is even more effective. That would be my strong recommendation to travelers.

If you or someone in your household develops COVID-like symptoms or receives a positive COVID-19 test at any point during the school break, please email your school nurse. Employees must email their principal and the Human Resources Manager:

- sstathoplos@kitteryschools.com
- bbladen@kitteryschools.com
- bburke@kitteryschools.com

The school nurses will respond to email communication as early as February 20th.

The Kittery PTA will be closing the **Spirit Wear** ordering portal in a few days. If you plan to order some cool Kittery clothing, wait no longer! The flyer is attached, and the link to place an order is [here](#).

I'll re-connect with you on February 26th with an H.A.S. re-classification update. Do you realize how much more daylight we'll have in two weeks? That alone is reason to celebrate!

Sincerely,



Eric Waddell
Superintendent of Schools