

# Kittery

## School District

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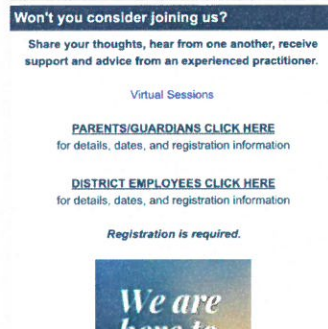
January 22, 2021

Good Friday afternoon to all!

It has been a challenging week on several fronts, but we continue to forge ahead with our eye on the future and another pandemic week in the rearview mirror--a success in my book!

**Here are some important items for you to know as the week comes to an end:**

- The **Health Advisory System** will be re-classified next Friday, January 29th. Until then, **York County remains in a Yellow Classification**. I will update you next Friday.
- **Mitchell Primary School** and **Shapleigh School** will continue to operate in **Status Red all next week**. The current plan is for both schools to resume operations in Status Yellow on Monday, February 1st. I hope these past two days have been productive and (nearly) stress-free for you. Did you hit a roadblock or hurdle? Reach out to your building principal or teacher via email. We are all here to help!
- To our **valued and talented employees**: do you need so emotional/mental health first aid? Why not join the next session with a trusted LCSW. It's not too late to sign up. Simply email Donna Schoff ([dschoff@kitteryschools.com](mailto:dschoff@kitteryschools.com)) and she'll add you to the list so you can receive the Zoom link for session Monday evening (January 25th).
- Similarly, we hope our **parents/guardians** consider joining in on the next emotional/mental health first aid session for you! **It is scheduled for January 27th**. You can read about all the details by visiting our district website (<http://www.kitteryschools.com>) and looking for this icon on the homepage. Pre-registration is required by emailing Donna Schoff ([dschoff@kitteryschools.com](mailto:dschoff@kitteryschools.com)):



- The **January 19th School Committee meeting** was postponed at the last minute earlier this week to **Tuesday, January 26th**. It's not too late to register to offer opinions or share questions about the **FY22 School Budget** (now in development). To do so, simply click on this [link](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z6zfNLLBT8yegg94Vxcs6g) and register as an attendee.
- This will be your last reminder about the exciting **VISIONING EVENT** that is set for **Thursday, January 28th**. The flyer is attached. We'd love to see you there (virtually, of course!). Take a look at the flyer, and email Donna Schoff ([dschoff@kitteryschools.com](mailto:dschoff@kitteryschools.com)) if you'd like to sign up to attend. Deadline to register is this coming Monday.

- This coming week is the last in Phase 2. If you've contacted your building principal to request a change to your student's Phase 3 status, you will hear from the principal soon (if you haven't already). Hooray for Phase 3 (that just sounds warmer than Phase 2, doesn't it?).

**Now for a few announcements from the larger Kittery community...**

- The **Kittery Community Center** is seeking input on new programs, ideas and events going forward. Please click [here](#) to answer 10 questions on the types of programming you would like to see at the KCC in the future.
- On January 26th, the **Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN)** and the **Choose To Be Healthy Coalition** are co hosting a facilitated Community Conversation to **Cultivate Mattering for York County Youth**. MRBN and Choose To Be Healthy Coalition invite all caring adults in York County to please join the conversation! To register, click on this [link](#).

That's all for this weekly communication. Take care, and remember; keep your distance, wear your mask, and pay close attention to how you feel (stay home and isolate if you have any COVID-related symptoms).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Waddell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "E" and "W" at the beginning and end.

Eric Waddell  
Superintendent of Schools