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Good Friday to all!

My Friday check-in with all our Kittery families will apply to the next abbreviated week as well (with only two school days and some Thanksgiving celebrations, Covid-style). I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy.

As you may have predicted based on my two previous Friday communications (remember? We were '**lime**' two weeks, and last week York County was '**asterisked**' which certainly did not sound promising), the Governor's Health Advisory System re-classification today has **York County 'yellow.'** This means that our County has an **elevated risk of Covid-19 spread.** We will continue to follow 'status yellow' in the Kittery School District as we have since September 8th. I am hopeful that heightened vigilance and the Governor's recently tightened face-covering requirements and indoor space restrictions will help to get the spread of this virus back under control. We can do it!

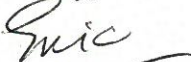
Of course, my goal is to continue to keep the virus out of schools. This will happen **ONLY** if we re-commit to **The Kittery Promise** (it's attached). With the Thanksgiving holiday nearly upon us, that means promising to communicate your travel plans to your student's principal and school nurse if your intention is to **travel beyond Maine, New Hampshire, or Vermont for Thanksgiving.** Your disclosure of this critically important information will help to ensure that our schools continue to remain open and that our students and staff are as safe as possible.

I know; I know. It's tempting not to share your plans to spend a few days next week in Massachusetts or New York. Please resist that temptation. Travel if you must, but please honor your **Promise** to share that information with your student's school. We have remained open so far, and that is because you all have committed to **The Kittery Promise.** Don't stop now.

Along those same lines, the Governor has also tightened up rules governing **travel to non-exempt states for medical, educational, visitations with parents.** Those are no longer permitted under the Governor's order. Our test/quarantine requirement applies to these situations, so please communicate circumstances like this to your student's principal and/or school nurse.

The next **Health Advisory System re-classification** is set for December 4th. If York County is re-classified as 'green', winter athletics may begin as early as December 7th. If not, those will be postponed. Mask up! Keep your distance! Recommit to **The Kittery Promise!** I'll connect with you again on December 4th.

Sincerely,


Eric

PS. Here are just two more reminders:

- The third and final **Community Conversation** (flyer attached) is December 7th. I'd love to see more of you 'attend' (virtually). Instructions for registering are on the flyer.
- Your student should have brought home a **Federal Impact Aid application** for you to complete and return to school. In case you didn't see it, I've attached one here. I wish we were able to complete these digitally; no such luck.
- One last thing; do you want to watch something that will warm your heart? Check out this absolutely beautiful cover of **Maroon 5's 'Memories' by The One Voice Children's Choir:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XB6yjGVuzVo>