

the
CHARTER SCHOOL

March 9, 2020

Dear Charter families,

School administrators from across the island met today to review our plan for addressing issues around COVID-19. As of this writing, there are no confirmed cases on the island. The Charter School has one staff member that has self-quarantined due to travel abroad. This employee has NOT tested positive for the virus and at this time is NOT exhibiting any symptoms. We anticipate that this staff person will return to work on March 16.

I must rely on the advice of professionals in the medical field and our local health agents. These individuals include our school physician and our local Board of Health agent. As this situation evolves, our messaging may change as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and our health agents update their recommendations. School administrators and local health officials will be communicating on a regular basis.

I understand that this may be an anxiety provoking circumstance for our community, especially our children. Please know that the Charter School will do everything to reduce the anxiety around student attendance and missed schoolwork. This is a situation that requires the island to come together as a community. If necessary, we will consider temporarily suspending practices that might cause further risk among our students.

The COVID-19 virus situation is rapidly evolving and presents new challenges every day. We meet regularly in an effort to be proactive in considering possible scenarios and to develop specific plans in response.

We anticipate that recommendations will be ongoing and changing and we will share this information with our community. We have intensified our cleaning efforts and are following previously outlined safety procedures.

Please access the DPH and CDC websites for updated information. You can also contact your local medical professional for any questions or concerns relating to the coronavirus. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,



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Director