



# HINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Hingham Public Schools Community:

Governor Baker has announced today that all public and private schools in the Commonwealth will remain closed for the remainder of the school year to mitigate the spread of COVID 19. As a result, Hingham Public Schools will remain closed for the remainder of this academic year, and will begin planning for revisions to our *Remote Learning Plan*. The Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has informed all districts that new, revised guidance for the extension to the *Remote Learning Plan* will be forthcoming sometime this week (likely by Friday). The current plan will stay in effect though Friday, May 1, 2020.

As the district looks to the days ahead and begins to envision a revision to our *Remote Learning Plan*, your feedback will be essential to ensure the plan remains as manageable as possible for our students, faculty, and families. To that end, the district is preparing a districtwide survey to solicit the feedback of these three stakeholder groups. We anticipate distribution of the survey later this week and will be sure to send formal notification once it is live and ready to collect your feedback.

We know that the Governor's decision is disappointing news for students, families, faculty, and staff. We understand that this COVID-19 health crisis has greatly impacted our students, families, and our school community. This is a difficult time, but we remain confident that we will get through this together.

We will continue to update you during this unprecedented time. Thank you, in advance, for your patience as we work to prepare informative and responsive communications to keep the community apprised of this new situation.

Sincerely,

Hingham Public Schools Leadership Team