

ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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October 28, 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians,

With a heavy heart, I am writing to inform you of the need to move from our current in-person learning model to a remote learning model for all schools on Thursday, October 29, 2020, and Friday, October 30, 2020. This decision was made due to the current community spread of Covid 19. Contact tracing will take time to occur, and the district does not want to place any of our students or staff in an unhealthy situation. We strongly believe that there is no replacement for in-person learning. The connections between students and teachers are essential. However, the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. We know that this will be an additional hardship for many of you as you juggle working and supervising your children at home.

Families have expressed challenges around technology – whether that is having the device they need or the ability to connect to the internet. We are here to help. Please email the technology department at one of the following ways:

- Ed Skutnik at eskutnik@arrsd.org
- 978 249-2430 ext. 5123
- 978-894-5481 Josh Gabrenas
- 978-514-2451 Chris Tamulevitch
- 978-894-4801 Sue Winters

Over the next four days, we will be working closely with the Athol Board of Health, Massachusetts Community Contact Tracing Collaborative, Department of Public Health, and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to determine how to proceed. Over the weekend, we will provide additional information to families and staff regarding the remote learning status.

Tonight, I will be hosting an informational Zoom meeting to answer any questions people may have. Please see the link below.

For more information on COVID-19 symptoms and testing, visit [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-covid-19-testing#where-can-get-a-test?-](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-covid-19-testing#where-can-get-a-test?).

You can also find a map of testing sites at

<https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=eba3f0395451430b9f631cb095febf13>.

Please contact us immediately should you or someone in your home begin to show symptoms.

We are committed to continuous communication with and support of our families. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Andrea Bishop at 978-249-2430, ext. 5103 or abishop@arrsd.org.

Sincerely,

Darcy Fernandes
Athol-Royalston Regional School District
Superintendent of Schools

Darcy Fernandes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Parent Caregiver Meeting

Time: Oct 28, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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