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The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Coronavirus has no doubt been on your mind, due to the media coverage, and your concern for the well being of your child. This letter is to update you on the school district's continued efforts to ensure the safety and well being of your children and our employees.

The district is revising our crisis plan based on this pandemic. We will be posting the plan online and placing copies in schools to help you understand what the school department steps will be as we move forward. This guide is being finalized based on a conference with both the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health. During the conference call, guidelines were given to all school districts on how to determine if a school or the district needs to close and for how long. These guidelines will be available Monday, March 16, 2020.

I want to ensure the district is working hard to make sure our buildings are properly cleaned. We have put on extra staff to continually wipe down high-risk areas. Teachers and staff are working with students on how to appropriately wash their hands to avoid the spread of any illness.

At this time, the district has no identified cases of students or employees with the Coronavirus. We are working closely with local DPH. We are getting updated information from DPH, and we now have clear guidelines as to what to do for all scenarios.

I genuinely appreciate the calls and emails I have gotten from families and community members. It is my goal every Monday to send out updates to all our stakeholders so that everyone is informed. Please do not hesitate to call the school department if you have any questions. No question is too small. We are here to assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darcy Fernandes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Darcy Fernandes

Superintendent Athol-Royalston Regional School District