



GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Families,

A number of superintendents of schools in our region have collaborated to make a timely and unified decision about school closure that we believe is in the best interest of our students, staff, and the larger community. **Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech High School will be closed next week, Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 20th.**

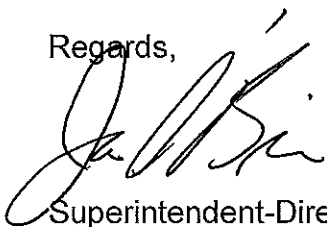
Our Administrative Team and surrounding community leaders held a conference call today after a lengthy call with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. While DESE is not explicitly advising districts close at this time, due to the concerns regarding the spread of this virus among crowds, area superintendents feel it is prudent to close their facilities temporarily. Our administrative team and nurses have consulted with health experts and our own municipal public health agents in reaching a decision that, while difficult, is in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of our communities.

We have been working over the past few weeks to deal with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and its impact on our community and appreciate your patience as we continue to manage this rapidly changing situation.

Massachusetts school districts have been informed that no district will have to attend school beyond June 30th or their planned 185th day of school. **Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech High School's last school day is now Monday, June 22, 2020.**

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Regards,



Superintendent-Director

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, homelessness, immigration status or veteran status in its education programs and activities, including admission to or employment in such programs or activities.

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