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March 11, 2020

A letter to the Epping community,

As promised this morning, I am providing updated information to all community members related to an incident that I became aware of early this morning.

At 4:00 AM I received a call from an Epping official. This person shared that an Epping resident voted yesterday afternoon after 4:00 PM. While at Epping High School, this person told other voters that he was heading home to quarantine. Based upon this limited information, I needed to make a decision related to the closing of schools. In my decision-making process, I felt sure that the elementary students would not be impacted given the information that I had at the time. I could not ensure that all the middle and high school students would be safe, at the time of the 4:00 AM call. Today will count as an excused absence for all students who did not attend school.


Since early this morning I have been working with police, fire, school and town officials to review additional information. Here are the additional facts as we know them at this time. The resident who voted came into contact with a person who has since been diagnosed with the flu. The Epping resident disclosed this morning that he has no symptoms of illness and was fully cooperative with the Town Emergency Management Team.

After meeting with Police, Fire, Vice Chair of the School Board, and members of the Board of Selectmen, we are confident that the decisions that were made early this morning were appropriate given the information available at the time. We are equally confident that no further health risks exists for our students and staff. All students should plan to return to school tomorrow, Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Respectfully,

  
Valerie McKenney, Superintendent

  
Dave Mylott, Vice Chair Epping School Board

  
Mike Wallace, Police Chief

  
Joe Lombardo, Deputy Chief, Fire Department

  
Adam Munguia, Chairman, Board of Selectman

  
Bob Jordan, Vice Chair Selectman

  
Mike Yergeau, Selectman

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*The mission of the Epping School District is to focus on the potential of every student and engage each to be passionate, confident learners who demonstrate competence and have strength of character to reach their highest aspirations and thoughtfully contribute to a diverse and changing world.*

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