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Dear families,

Out of an abundance of caution and an effort to limit our students' and staff's potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus, **all Westbrook Schools will be closed for two weeks** beginning March 16, 2020. This includes our Pre-K program, WRVC, adult education, activities, and athletics including practices.

This decision has not been made lightly. I know how much our community relies upon its schools for so many reasons. However, based on guidance from Maine CDC, Maine Department of Education, our district's health professionals, and area schools, this is the most responsible course of action. We have been working to develop contingency plans in the event of a closure. Our staff has been making plans for remote learning as well as serving meals. We will communicate those plans as soon as they are finalized.

This is certainly an unprecedented event in our community and throughout the world. Many people are frightened and anxious. Please take time to talk with your children about how they are feeling. It's just as important to check in about our emotional well-being along with our physical health.

I will continue to monitor the situation and reassess conditions at the end of the two weeks. The school principals and I will continue to communicate information by automated phone calls, on the school department's website, and through social media

Take good care,

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