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November 6, 2020

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that out of an abundance of caution and the inability to safely and effectively staff the school, Hussey Elementary will continue to be fully remote from Monday November 9th to Friday November 13th. The school will reopen on Monday November 16th.

All individuals who are quarantined will be cleared to return if they are symptom free. It is extremely important that all students and staff continue to monitor for symptoms. Please call a health care provider if symptoms are present or begin. It is important that you call a healthcare facility before you show up in person. Please stay home if you're sick.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. It can be more severe in adults 60 years and older and in those with underlying conditions. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms including:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please keep in mind that many things can cause respiratory illness, so students and staff should be up-to-date on influenza and routine vaccinations.

Maine CDC recommends prevention measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures include proper handwashing with soap and warm water, which is especially important after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. When soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Call a healthcare provider for questions about your symptoms. More information can be found at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

It is unfortunate that we all are still dealing with an interruption to in person education and the inconvenience and frustration as a result, but the health and safety of students and staff is more important. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Anastasio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James Anastasio

Superintendent of Schools