



# Ipswich Public Schools

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Good Evening,

As you may be aware, this afternoon the Governor announced that all public schools would remain closed until May 4, 2020. We had anticipated an extension of the current school closure, but did not think it would be that far out. There is a conference call scheduled for this Friday morning with the Commissioner of Education and Superintendents across the Commonwealth. There are a number of concerns that need to be addressed as we move into this next phase of closure. We hope that the Commissioner is able to provide guidance as we make plans for the coming weeks.

I am happy to report that at this time, the current enrichment opportunities that are being presented are well received and teachers are actively engaged with their students. Please make sure that your students are taking advantage of what is being offered so that they are prepared to move forward when we eventually return to the classroom.

As a reminder, students should not be having play dates, "hanging out" with friends, or gathering in groups around town. All town and school parks and playgrounds are currently closed, including the turf field and the Mile Lane fields.

I will provide additional updates in the coming days as more information becomes available.

Thank you and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Blake  
Superintendent of Schools