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# Norwood Public Schools Closure Extended Through End of Academic Year

## Gov. Baker Extends Statewide School Closure Through End of School Year

NORWOOD -- Superintendent David Thomson announces that, in accordance with a

new order from Gov. Charlie Baker and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Norwood Public Schools shall remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year as a precaution against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The statewide closure of schools, originally set to end on April 7 and previously extended to May 4, has been further extended through the end of the school year.

The last day of school in Norwood is scheduled to be June 22.

The extended closure of schools is an unprecedented step in limiting the potential spread of COVID-19 and continuing the practice of social distancing as more positive cases and deaths are announced in the state each day.

While schools remain closed, the district's food pick-up service for students and families will continue. For more information about these services visit the school website: [www.norwood.k12.ma.us](http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us).

All athletic programs, events and after school activities will remain suspended and fields will remain closed until further notice.

Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeffrey Riley canceled MCAS for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year across grades 3-10. The Commissioner has not yet made a decision regarding competency determination for high school graduation.

Discussions about events like graduation, prom and academic awards ceremonies will be discussed in the coming days and weeks and further information will be shared as it becomes available.

"This is by no means an ideal way to end the school year, but this was an anticipated outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic," Superintendent Thomson said. "We will continue to provide remote resources throughout the year, and are confident that the planning we have done will allow us to still provide the same level of resources and care that we always strive for throughout the district."

## Remote Learning

Remote learning will continue through the end of the school year, June 22.

Commissioner Riley will be releasing additional guidance and recommendations to school districts statewide within the coming days.

Teachers and administrators have worked since the initial school closure to support students' connections to their school community and classwork.

During the school closure, teachers have remained vigilant and mindful of their individual students' needs and have made adjustments according to those needs. Teachers will continue to reach out to students and families on a regular basis throughout the remainder of the school closure.

For more information, visit the district's website at [www.norwood.k12.ma.us](http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us).

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