March 9, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Since notifying you last night about today's school closure, both buildings have been wiped down with a hospital-grade disinfectant product. All desks, chairs, light switches, door handles, lockers, tables, lavatories, offices, cafeterias, gymnasiums, drinking fountains, etc. have been cleaned and disinfected. We also used an electrostatic sprayer with a special disinfectant, one especially effective at controlling the spread of viruses, as a precaution. Holmes Bus Co. also continued its efforts from this past weekend to disinfect buses.

Also, although I was hopeful to receive updated information about the parent being tested no further results have been reported. All family members continue to follow guarantine protocol.

Given that in MA the risk to residents continues to remain low and further, given the precautionary steps taken last night and today I have decided to reopen our schools tomorrow. Classes will resume tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10th. Buses will run at the usual times and students may also be dropped off at the normal time too.

Students and staff will be reminded throughout the day to follow good hygiene practices and commonly used surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day. Earlier today a COVID-19 PowerPoint was posted on our website for all to use . I suggest you review it and consider sharing the information with your child/children.

Please keep in mind that we will continue to maintain confidentiality and therefore I ask that you not pay attention to or spread hearsay information.

We have prepared a safe environment for our students and staff and look forward to their return **tomorrow**, **Tuesday March 10th**. Please feel free to contact me at 508-699-1300 or via email at draiche@plainville.k12.ma.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David P. Raiche, Superintendent of Schools