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Coronavirus Update 6 - BSD Gatherings Postponed

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Greeting BSD Community,

Re: School Community Gatherings

After consulting with the Vermont Department of Health and City of Burlington leaders, I have decided that beginning immediately we will be postponing all District-level school-community events. As an example, tomorrow evening's Beyond Black History Month event will not happen tomorrow and will be rescheduled for a date to be determined at a later time. Please communicate with your local schools for school-specific cancellations.

I have also instructed our principals to begin practicing various forms of social distancing in our schools. In the coming days, Principals will be reducing the amount of nonessential large gatherings of students and staff. I have asked that they begin looking at things like assemblies and either reconfiguring their delivery or postponing the activity for a future date.

We are reviewing the possibilities of school closures on a daily basis with input from the Vermont Department of Health, as well as the Agency of Education. We realize that many local agencies, colleges, and universities have taken steps to close and/or change their operations in order to attempt to flatten the curve of the spread of this disease. We are seriously considering these measures and are planning accordingly in all areas of our district, from school to afterschool, to food services and beyond.

We will continue our consultation with the experts who are providing guidance during this time. Please stay tuned as we continue to communicate.

Superintendent Obeng

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