Announcement: COVID19 Information and Closing

Eliot-Pearson Children’s School (EPCS) will be closed starting 3/16/20 for two weeks as a precautionary measure to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and families and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

We understand these are uncertain times and the state of this health crisis is rapidly changing. The decision to close the school was made after carefully assessing the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19, and taking great care to minimize its impact to our community. EPCS will close for two weeks starting Monday, March 16th. For now, we plan to reopen the school on Monday, March 30th, contingent upon the current situation and the recommendations of government and health officials.

This decision was made in coordination with the leadership at Tufts University and EPCS. We understand the impact of the school closing to working families. However, we believe the health and wellbeing of our children and families are paramount. As with many other local schools, we are certain that our decision to close will help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are currently working on how we can support children and families during this period. Administrative and teaching staff will finalize a contingency plan early next week and share it with the community. Designated administrative staff will respond to questions and concerns of families to ensure flow and efficiency of communication with our community. We will also conduct a thorough cleansing and disinfecting of our school to prepare the building for reentry.

We will continue to work with the university and get up-to-date information from Tufts website on COVID-19 at go.tufts.edu/coronavirus, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) site, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) site.

If you have been in close contact with someone who has been identified as having a potential or positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or your child or family member is showing symptoms, please check this site for guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf