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## **NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CLOSE UNTIL MARCH 23**

Effective immediately, as a preventative action New Bedford Public Schools will close through Friday, March 20, 2020, Superintendent Thomas Anderson announced late today. “Out of an abundance of caution and to support the effort to stem the potential spread of coronavirus in our region, New Bedford Public Schools will be closed Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20, 2020. Schools are currently scheduled to reopen on Monday, March, 23, 2020. This action is being taken after close consultation with all other school districts in our region and across Massachusetts and the Mayor’s Office.

All teachers and paraprofessional staff will not report to school during this time. All central office and school administrators as well as all 12-month personnel, including facilities and maintenance staff will report to work as scheduled.

NBPS encourages students to make every effort to continue their learning by reading as much as possible. This adjusts the last day of school to Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

While Monday, March 23, is the designated reopening date, Superintendent Anderson advised students, staff and families to continue to closely monitor the [NBPS website](#), district social media, and local media outlets for any updates to closure status during this rapidly evolving situation.

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