



**IGNITING LIMITLESS POTENTIAL**

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# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

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March 11, 2020 - Board Work Session  
Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Superintendent

# AGENDA

Overview

District Response

Durham County Public Health  
Partnership

Next Steps & Recommendations

Questions & Discussion



# CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE INFORMATION



## PLAN

DPS already has a pandemic plan in place

## COLLABORATE

DPS is working closely with DCDPH

## CONVENE

DPS has created a Coronavirus Task Force

## PREVENTION

Follow CDC guidelines



## **CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE MEMBERS**

- Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Superintendent
- Dr. Nakia Hardy, Deputy Superintendent
- Julius Monk, Chief Operating Officer
- Chip Sudderth, Chief Communications Officer
- Tanya Giovanni, Chief of Staff
- Tina Ingram, Executive Director of Safety and Security
- Jenine Stevenson, Emergency Management Specialist
- Matthew Grady, DPS Lead Nurse
- Travis T. Anderson, Executive Director of Facilities Services
- Kenneth Barnes, Executive Director of Auxiliary Services
- Pablo Friedmann, Director, Multilingual Resource Center
- David Hackney, Director of Athletics, Health & Physical Education, and Drivers Education

# PREVENTION

- Pandemic plan, created in conjunction with Durham County Department of Public Health, already in place
- Superintendent has met with Governor's Health Advisory Team
- DPS is in constant communication with North Carolina Emergency Management, Durham County Emergency Management and Durham County Public Health



# PREVENTION



- DPS has distributed COVID-19 posters in English and Spanish to all locations
- They are displayed prominently at all schools and offices



## NEXT STEPS

- Canceling all student and employee out-of-state travel
- Canceling all in-state and overnight student field trips
- Continuing in-district field trips
- Continuing in-state staff travel, including teacher recruitment efforts
- Following NCHSAA guidance regarding whether to hold athletic events





# OPTIONS FOR FEEDBACK

- **Option 1:** Follow CDC recommendations; continue to use individual good judgement
- **Option 2:** Cancel all events
- **Option 3:** Give Superintendent authority, in collaboration with Durham County Public Health Director, the opportunity to identify evaluation criteria



## ACTION STEPS

- Fog all buses and daily disinfecting of buildings and vehicles including buses
- Monitoring and providing support from student services staff (counselors, social workers, &/or other school staff) to all students and staff
- Monitor attendance of students and staff



# COMMUNICATION

- Internal DPS staff continue to communicate and collaborate Durham County Department of Public Health staff
- Continue to provide updates to staff as they become available
- Regular email and robo-call communication to DPS staff and families
- Regularly to update [DPS Coronavirus webpage](#)





## BOARD ACTION

- Staff recommends to authorize the Superintendent to enter into contracts above \$90,000 without board approval for emergency responses to COVID-19.





# Questions & Discussion