

April 13, 2021

Dear Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Families:

School was canceled across the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School districts today. We are incredibly grateful to our District Nurse Leader Donna Weber, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and Franklin Regional Council of Governments for arranging our staff COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Mohawk Trail Regional School and the opportunity to have our entire staff vaccinated on Monday. As a result of the second clinic yesterday, we anticipated the potential for staff reactions to the vaccine and were monitoring the situation throughout the afternoon and evening.

As of 6 p.m. last night, we were positioned to open with our amazing, if not small, substitute pool; however at approximately 5:30 a.m. this morning, there were more staff than we could find substitute coverage for in our buildings which made opening schools impossible under COVID-19 protocols.

Substitute shortages are definitely a concern across many districts, not just ours; especially when something like this comes up. We've been struggling to find substitutes and even fill some vacant positions within the district. We welcome those who are interested in working in our schools to fill out an application and be part of our extended school team!

As a reminder to our school community, you can always stay connected to important information and updates on our district's website, [www.mtrsd.org](http://www.mtrsd.org). Weekly superintendent updates are emailed to families on Friday; posted on our COVID-19 Information page and the News section of the district and school sites; and shared via school Facebook pages and district Twitter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

And as always, thanks for all you do to make Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont GREAT places to learn and grow!

Superintendent Sheryl Stanton