

Dear BOE Members,

Given the Governor's directive with respect to state agencies limiting gatherings to under 100 people, further reinforced by Jim Marpe in his press release - and in consultation with the Westport Weston Health District, I have decided to postpone several events scheduled for this weekend. Believe me, I took no pleasure in doing this; however, given the larger challenge faced by all of us, I thought it necessary. I feel for all of the student participants and their advisors/coaches who have been impacted by this.

1. The high school musical scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two scheduled performances next weekend have been postponed. Tonight and tomorrow night, in what were scheduled to be dress rehearsals, parents of students in the two casts will be permitted to attend. Each night seating will be limited to parents and kept to under 100.
2. The Long Lots production of the Wizard of Oz, scheduled for Friday and Saturday night has been postponed.
3. The Saugatuck spring musical, scheduled for Saturday night has been postponed.

Long Lots and Saugatuck decided not to exercise the "parent-only option" this week.

Principals at all three schools are notifying parents. As usual, principals have been quite supportive.

I am working on a district-wide email regarding our district's intent to adhere to the new 100 person guideline and its impact on future scheduled events.

At a news conference earlier today, the CIAC (Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference) cancelled all remaining state tournament games. This impacts us in girls and boys basketball and in swimming competitions as well.

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