



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education Members
FROM: Robert F. Gilbert 
DATE: May 26, 2020
RE: SUMMER PROGRAMS UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner and Governor have still not provided final definitive guidance regarding school summer programs. The commissioner has verbally indicated that the implementation of summer programs is a local decision. As previously noted, there are many concerns regarding holding summer programs on site (including but not limited to safety, inadequate levels of onsite staffing, medically fragile students, limited available PPE equipment potentially impacting fall supplies, parents refusing to send their students on site for mandated SpEd services, etc.) We have also heard about a strand of virus that is directly affecting children.

The Woodbridge Recreation Department has already cancelled their onsite summer recreation programs, similar to other agencies. **With safety as the forefront and in consultation with our nursing staff, it is my clear recommendation at this time to cancel all on site summer programs and replace them with virtual instruction and virtual programs.** Special Education ESY instruction/services as well as Summer Scholars instruction would be held via distance learning and selected EDay and SEP onsite programs would be transformed into remote programs.

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