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By email
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Jahmal Mosley, Superintendent
South Hadley Public Schools
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Re: Request to extend waiver pursuant to 603 CMR 27.06

Dear Superintendent Mosley:

I have received your letter dated today, September 22, 2021, in which you provided additional information to support your request to extend the waiver to permit remote learning for South Hadley High School (SHHS). Specifically, you indicated that 40 out of 81 spaces in SHHS have passed testing by your contractor, and are deemed appropriate for occupancy. In addition, you provided a detailed timeline for the remainder of the needed cleaning and preparation, resulting in a school opening on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

In light of the additional information you provided this afternoon, I am granting your request and extending the waiver to allow remote learning at SHHS for an additional two days. Consequently, for this school year only, SHHS must provide in-person instruction for a minimum of 173 days, and may provide remote learning for a maximum of 7 days, 5 of which have already occurred.

I understand that you are confident that you will be able to reopen SHHS for full in-person instruction on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. I am glad to hear that SHHS students will soon be receiving in-person instruction. I also understand that you had a telephone call this afternoon with Rob Curtin, Chief Officer for Data, Accountability and Assessment, and Anne Marie Stronach, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner. They discussed with you that, in the unlikely event that SHHS is not able to reopen on September 28th, any additional lost instructional time would need to be made up later in the school year, either through extending the school day or adding additional in-person days. After the disruption of last school year, it is essential that students receive in-person learning this school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey C. Riley".

Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner