



Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

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Dear Abby Kelley families:

Due to the arrival of Tropical Storm Henri and the predicted weather forecast for Central Massachusetts tomorrow, I have made the difficult decision to postpone the first day of school for AKFCS until **Thursday, August 26 for all students in grades 1-12.**

The teachers were scheduled to report tomorrow (Monday), but we have delayed their arrival until we know it is safe for the staff to come onto the Abby Kelley property. We are hopeful the teachers will be able to start setting up their classrooms on Tuesday, allowing school to open for the students on Thursday, August 26. **Please note: If there is damage/flooding to Abby Kelley or if the City of Worcester is impacted significantly, there might be additional delays. I will keep you posted once I know more during these next few days.**

Popsicles with the Principal and School Supply Drop-off, which was scheduled for Monday afternoon for the Elementary School, has also been postponed until further notice.

Abby's Attic clothes sale, which was scheduled for last week had to be postponed due to the flooding that occurred at Abby Kelley on Thursday morning. We know many families rely on Abby's Attic for back to school clothes. Therefore, we will allow all students (K-12) to be out of uniform until we can hold the Abby's Attic sale. Students can wear any appropriate clothes for the first days of school until we can hold the Abby's Attic sale. More information will be shared as soon as possible.

I realize not starting school on Wednesday creates hardship for many families and disappointment for many students. Please understand we are doing this because the safety of our staff and students is primary and we have to assess the damage that the storm may bring to the Abby Kelley Foster school property before we can allow anyone on the property.

I will keep you posted via email, text, social media, and our website (www.akfcs.org) as soon as I know more. Wishing you safety these next few hours.

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