



**RIDE** Rhode Island  
Department  
of Education

September 11, 2020

Superintendent Mark Garceau  
Westerly School Department  
23 Highland Avenue  
Westerly, RI 02891

Dear Superintendent Garceau,

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) appreciate your Local Education Agency (LEA) participation in the COVID-19 Facilities and Physical Plant Walkthroughs. Walkthrough Teams met with administrative and physical plant leaders in your school(s) to complete the [COVID-19 Facilities and Physical Plant School Checklist](#) and to engage with staff regarding any challenges they are having to ready school facilities.

Following the visit to your school district you should have received a completed checklist(s), to assist you in your ongoing planning and to track and address any items that were marked "in progress" or "no," to ensure the appropriate mitigation efforts are in place before the start of on-site learning. You should have received a follow-up communication identifying areas that needed to be closed out before the start of school. This letter is to inform you that we are satisfied with all of the information that you recently provided as a follow-up to that communication and wish you the best of luck for the start of the school year.

We appreciate all of the work that you and your teams have done to implement those mitigation measures. If you need any additional technical assistance during the school year, please email or call the LEA Assistance [EdocRhodeIsland@gmail.com](mailto:EdocRhodeIsland@gmail.com).

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to ensure a safe return for staff and students to in-person learning.

Sincerely,

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Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH  
Director  
Rhode Island Department of Health

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Angélica Infante-Green  
Commissioner  
Rhode Island Department of Education