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Dear Families,

Please read the following information which details upcoming practices in our schools. We learned today that the Governor has ordered all schools closed through 4/6/20 with a planned reopening on 4/7/20. This will be reassessed as we get closer to that date. We will continue with regular updates.

**Food Services:**

Tomorrow, Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our grab-and-go food services at all schools. From 10:00-11:00, we will be passing out breakfast bags to any child who needs one. From 11:00-1:00, we will be passing out lunch bags. We hoped to serve both meals at once but are not allowed to do so under federal requirements. We are still working on relief from the separate bag and time requirements and will make adjustments if we receive permission to do so.

Children are not required to go to their own school for meals. They can obtain a meal from the school that is closest to home. They are not required to show a school ID.

Pick up locations at each building will be:

- Beachmont, Garfield, Rumney Marsh, and Seacoast: Front entrance to school
- Paul Revere, Susan B. Anthony, and Whelan: Entry doors in back parking lot near cafeteria
- Hill: Rear entrance of cafeteria near the Stadium
- Lincoln: Lower entrance near cafeteria
- High School: Doors near police station (past loading dock)

**Technology:**

Comcast has opened all of their “hotspots” throughout the country, even if you are not a Comcast customer. You can find information about how to link to their services here:

<https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

Comcast also has a free Internet Essentials program for low income families. More information on this program can be found here: <https://www.internetessentials.com/>

We are currently preparing devices to be picked up at schools for families who do not have a device at home. Principals will arrange an appointment time for these to be picked up beginning on Wednesday. Please email your child’s principal or call the school to indicate your need. Devices will not be given without an appointment so please be sure to reserve before going to the school. These **DO** need to be picked up at the school your child attends. The limited number of devices we are distributing are intended ONLY for families that do not have a personal device at home. Please do not request a device if you already have one or more. We want to ensure that every child has some access to the internet during the school closure period. See contact information below.

For up-to-date information regarding the 2019 novel Coronavirus, please visit the DPH COVID-19 web site at [www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus](http://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus) Or the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)

School	Phone	Principal's email
Beachmont	781-286-8316	pnapier@reverek12.org
Garfield Elementary	781-286-8296	<a href="mailto:ccoutts@reverek12.org">ccoutts@reverek12.org</a>
Hill	781-286-8284	<a href="mailto:mlomas@reverek12.org">mlomas@reverek12.org</a>
Lincoln	781-286-8270	shoomis@reverek12.org
Paul Revere	781-286-8278	dbonarrigo@reverek12.org
Whelan	781-388-7510	jflynn@reverek12.org
Garfield Middle	781-286-8298	spechinsky@reverek12.org
Rumney Marsh Academy	781-388-3500	rgallucci@reverek12.org
Susan B. Anthony	781-388-7520	jwillett@reverek12.org
Revere High	781-286-8220	jperella@reverek12.org
Seacoast	781-485-2715	smagno@reverek12.org

### **Curricula:**

We still plan to have learning materials ready for students on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We will send more specific information about this on Tuesday or Wednesday.

### **Resources for Caregivers:**

If you need help answering questions your children have about Coronavirus, these links may help.

How to Talk to Children about the Coronavirus:

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/how-to-talk-to-children-about-the-coronavirus-2020030719111>

Talking to Teen/Tweens about Coronavirus:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/02/well/family/coronavirus-teenagers-anxiety.html>

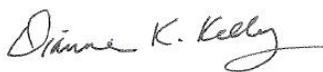
\*\*Here is a pamphlet from the article: [https://www.hemot.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Pamphlet\\_HEMOT\\_english.pdf](https://www.hemot.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Pamphlet_HEMOT_english.pdf)

The guidance on “social distancing” indicates that kids should not be having play-dates and sleep overs. Children from different families should not congregate in groups or go out to play together. For more on that, you may want to read this article:

<https://medium.com/@ariadnelabs/social-distancing-this-is-not-a-snow-day-ac21d7fa78b4>

Essential staff will be in place to help address student and family needs. Please reach out to your child's school by email or phone if you have questions. For now, hours are 7:00am-4:00pm but we anticipate reducing those hours by the end of this week.

As always we thank for your help and support. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these unpredictable and unsettling times.



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