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Dear Colleagues and Families,

Below you will find several updates on our programming during this COVID19 school closure.

Food Services:

In light of the Governor's request that more people stay home, we will be reducing our hours and distribution days for breakfast and lunch.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 3/24/20, the program will run as it has been running.

Beginning this Wednesday, 3/25/20, hours will be reduced to 10:30 – 12:30. We will also start providing meals for multiple days at each distribution time and we will only have distribution on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Wednesday, children will pick up 4 meals (2 breakfasts and 2 lunches) to last them through Thursday. On Friday, they will pick up 6 meals (3 breakfasts and 3 lunches) to last through Sunday. And beginning next Monday, 3/30/20, they will pick up 4 meals (2 breakfasts and 2 lunches) to last them through Tuesday.

Pick up locations at each building are still:

- 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)

Remote locations and times will still be:

- Point of Pines from roughly 10:00 – 10:45 at Gibson Park
- Oak Island from roughly 10:50 – 11:35 at Oak Island Park
- North Revere from 10:00 – 10:45 at Hywood Street Park

Curricula:

Learning materials are ready for students and are accessible through the RPS website at www.reverek12.org. Click on the "COVID19 – External Learning Opportunities" tab and then click on your child's school. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, assistant principal or principal if you need assistance accessing materials.

Social Emotional Wellbeing

Some staff like social workers, guidance counselors, and others have posted times that they are available through Google Hangout and of course everyone is available through email. You can find their contact information on the "COVID19 – External Learning Opportunities" page for each school. Many kids are

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

becoming increasingly anxious about the uncertainty of this time period, about being away from school, and missing their friends. Please do not hesitate to reach out to a school counselor or administrator if you need assistance with helping your child through this time or if your child needs assistance to cope. You may also want to refer to this information from assistant professor of pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine, Maria Trozzi, M.Ed: http://www.reverek12.org/for_parents

Schedule:

Beginning Wednesday, March 25, 2020, we will be further reducing our staffing and hours. Buildings will be open from 9:00am-2:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only. You will still be able to call or email your child's school if you have questions or concerns and we encourage you to do so.

Returning to School:

Although there has been no official notice, it appears unlikely that we will return to school on April 6th. A conference call with superintendents and Commissioner Riley later this week may shed light on different possibilities which I will share as soon as more is determined. Right now, everything is very much up in the air. We have begun discussing things like graduation, grade level promotion, and how to assign credit for work completed (if this is possible) and how these things might happen in two scenarios – first, if we come back to school and second, if we don't. More to follow on all of this.

Advanced Placement Tests:

The College Board is making arrangements for students to take their AP exams online, from home. Most students have already been in touch with their AP teachers and have study plans. Any student who chooses not to take the exam(s) will get a full refund if they have already paid the exam fee. Others can pay their fees by arranging a drop off time in advance with Mrs. Finn or Dr. Perella. The College Board indicates more information on testing and dates will be provided on April 3rd. In the meantime, you can access free online AP work and information here: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates>

Student Course Selections for 2020-2021:

Dr. Perella will be working with RHS students to develop a survey through which students at each high school and each middle school can identify desired elective courses. We will use survey results to make as many adjustments to offerings as possible. When that is completed, we will begin working with students to complete their course requests for next year so we can begin planning as we typically would do at this time of year.

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

