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Fwd: School closure update per Governor Baker press conference

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**Methuen Public Schools**

Good evening Methuen families:

As we may be aware at this point, Governor Baker just announced a mandatory school closure for three weeks from March 17th through April 7th. Our school teams will be working this week to plan for remote learning opportunities for all students. We will communicate those plans to you as we have them developed. We will begin our Grab and Go breakfast/lunch program from the Tenney upper school entrance beginning on Tuesday, March 17th. Families can come between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00pm each day.

There remain some unanswered questions at this point about state testing, special education services, and several other legislative matters regarding education. We expect to have those answers in the coming days and weeks. I will communicate with all families regularly each week.

The most important thing right now is that you and your children remain healthy and follow the social distancing recommendations which translate for our children as: no play dates, sleepovers, social gatherings, going out to malls and movies, staying at home as much as possible. It is critical that we do this as much as possible or else our efforts to close schools to help mitigate the spread will be for not.

I will be in touch again in a couple of days with an update. Please encourage your children to engage in learning at home through reading, reviewing materials learned, and using materials teachers may have given on Friday.

Sincerely,
Brandi Kwong
Superintendent of Schools

Buenas noches, familias de Methuen:

Como ya sabemos, el gobernador Baker acaba de anunciar el cierre obligatorio de la escuela durante tres semanas desde el 17 de marzo hasta el 7 de abril. Nuestros equipos escolares trabajarán esta semana para planificar oportunidades de aprendizaje a distancia para todos los estudiantes. Les comunicaremos esos planes a medida que los vayamos desarrollando. Empezaremos nuestro programa de desayuno y almuerzo en la entrada de la escuela superior de Tenney el martes 17 de marzo. Las familias pueden venir entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 12:00 p.m. cada día.

Quedan algunas preguntas sin responder en este momento sobre los exámenes estatales, servicios de educación especial y otros asuntos legislativos relacionados con la educación. Esperamos tener esas respuestas en los próximos días y semanas. Me comunicaré con todas las familias regularmente cada semana.

Lo más importante ahora es que ustedes y sus hijos se mantengan sanos y sigan las recomendaciones de distanciamiento social que se traducen para nuestros hijos en: no salir a jugar, no dormir en casa de otros, no tener reuniones sociales, salir a los centros comerciales y al cine, quedarse en casa tanto como sea posible. Es crítico que hagamos esto tanto como sea posible o de lo contrario nuestros esfuerzos por cerrar las escuelas para ayudar a mitigar la propagación no serán para nada.

Me pondré en contacto de nuevo en un par de días con una actualización. Por favor, animen a sus hijos a que aprendan en casa a través de la lectura, revisando los materiales aprendidos y usando los materiales que los maestros hayan dado el viernes.

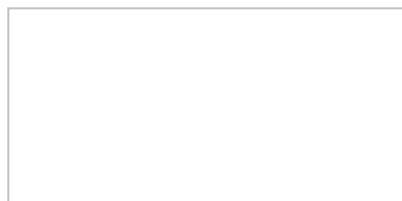
Sinceramente,
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