



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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“Every Child’s Success is Our Mission”

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Jordana B. Harper, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear GPS Families:

I hope you are well during this time of many changes. As you may know, Governor Baker has closed all schools in Massachusetts for the next 3 weeks (until April 7, 2020), and the Mayor of Greenfield has closed all city buildings (until April 7, 2020) which also means that Central Office is closed. However, we want you to know that our Custodians, Food Service workers, Teachers, Administrators and other staff are working and want to support you during this time.

First, please know that the health of our students and staff has been our #1 goal, and to that end our Custodians are working diligently to complete a deep-cleaning and sanitization of all our schools and buildings. As this is a time-consuming process, it is still ongoing and is expected to last through the end of this week. Please join me in thanking our amazing custodial crew!

Second, student meal sites have been launched and expanded! We have added Leyden Woods, Oak Courts, YMCA, and Days Inn as sites, in addition to Newton School, Greenfield Middle School, and Greenfield High School. All youth are encouraged to come pick up a Grab- and-Go breakfast and lunch free at any of our sites from 11AM-1PM daily. **To follow public health guidelines, we are asking students and staff to please maintain safe distance from others and return directly home after.** You can find out up-to-date information about meals here: <https://www.gpsk12.org/gps-district-wide/food-services/food-menus>

Third, we want to keep our students engaged in learning and help our families! Our teachers and administrators have been hard at work putting together some of the best resources, and we have launched a new web page so you can support your child’s learning at home. Our teachers are adding to this all the time! Please check it out here: <https://www.gpsk12.org/gps-district/student-family-resources-learning>

Finally, while there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Greenfield or Franklin County according to the Department of Public Health, I want to reiterate that current public health guidelines call for “social distancing.” Some experts are describing this as “no parties, no play dates, no playgrounds.” Parents, I ask for your help in following these important guidelines to protect the health of your loved ones and the most vulnerable members of our community. For more information, see <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency> and <https://www.gpsk12.org/gps-central/administration/important-guidance-and-resources-regarding-coronavirus>.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and support.

Sincerely,

Jordana B. Harper
Superintendent

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