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Dear Somerville Public Schools Families and Staff,

We are continuing to expand our supports. Below are several new efforts, as well as a reminder of other important resources and information available to support students and families during this extended school closure.

### **Grab-and-Go Meal Distribution Expanding to Additional School Site**

Starting Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be adding the Healey School as a Grab-and-Go meal distribution site. Families can pick up breakfast and lunch meals Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m. at the following school sites. The meal program will run regardless of weather. No ID required, and one person can pick up for more than one member of the family. Please bring a bag if you are picking up for multiple family members.

- East Somerville Community School
- West Somerville Neighborhood School
- Winter Hill Community Innovation School
- Healey School (starting Monday, March 23, 2020)

For additional food resources, visit: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/food-nutrition-services/food-resources-students-and-families>.

### **Chromebooks Distribution for Families without a Device**

Starting tomorrow, we will be distributing Chromebooks to families who have internet access, but have no device at home for their student(s) to use. Families who indicated through a survey earlier this week that they have internet service at home but do not have a device for their students to be able to access online resources can pick up a Chromebook tomorrow between 9 and 11 a.m. at the East Somerville Community School, West Somerville Neighborhood School, or the Winter Hill Community Innovation School. If you did not receive a call about this survey or respond electronically to this survey, and you have internet service at home but no device for your student(s) to be able to access the resources electronically, please email [ksantiago@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:ksantiago@k12.somerville.ma.us) by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 19, to request borrowing a Chromebook. Be sure to include your student's name and school in the email.

Packets of resources and materials for students to stay engaged and connected during the extended closure have been mailed to families who do not have internet access at home.

### **Pickup of Student Medications**

Before the end of this week, school nurses will be contacting families who have medications for their student(s) in the school nurse's office, with details on when to pick up their child's medication.

### **Other Important Resources & Information**

- A growing list of high quality, accessible grade-level home learning resources to help students stay engaged and connected are available at: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/home-learning](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/home-learning).
- Visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/TalkingAboutCoronavirus](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/TalkingAboutCoronavirus) for a list of resources on how to talk to your kids about COVID-19.
- Call the Massachusetts 211 hotline from a cellphone or landline for real-time COVID-19 updates and referrals. Service available 24 hours a day and information is available in multiple languages. Can also be accessed at <https://mass211.org/>.

- National updates and latest information on travel restrictions available at: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).
- For frequent local and state updates, visit: [www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus](http://www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus).
- All Coronavirus-related communications from the District are being posted at: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/coronavirus-information-prevention](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/coronavirus-information-prevention).

We are thinking of you, and will continue to stay connected.

Sincerely,

Mary Skipper, Superintendent