



# Somerville Public Schools

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Dear Somerville Public Schools Families and Staff,

As we wrap up the first full week of our extended school closure, we just want to take a moment to thank you for looking out for one another and, as you often do, demonstrating what the word “community” really means. We are inspired by your compassion, your resilience, and your support as we all adjust to this new way of life. Below are a few notes and reminders about resources for students and families. We will be in touch again on Sunday with more updates about the week ahead.

### **Grab-and-Go Meal Distribution**

Distribution of Grab and Go breakfast and lunch meals will continue next week, Monday-Friday, 9:00-11:00am at the sites listed below. SPS students and families can pick up food at any site. No ID is 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 (new site)

### **Tech Support**

Over the last two days, we distributed more than 500 Chromebooks to families who have internet service but had no device at home. No additional distribution of Chromebooks is scheduled at this time. If you have internet service at home but no device, and were not able to pick one up yesterday or today, please email Katherine Santiago at [ksantiago@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:ksantiago@k12.somerville.ma.us) and be sure to include the student’s name and school. As a reminder, if you need technical support for your device, you can submit a request for remote technical assistance using this [Somerville Public Schools Remote Tech Support Contact Form](#).

### **Diapers Available for Families with Babies and Young Children**

Starting Monday, March 23, and through Friday, March 27, diapers will be available for families at no cost, at each of the four school food distribution sites listed above. Diapers will be packaged and available by size throughout the week, and can be picked up between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

### **Other Resources**

- High quality grade-level home learning resources: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/home-learning](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/home-learning)
- Talking to your kids about COVID-19: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/TalkingAboutCoronavirus](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/TalkingAboutCoronavirus)
- Other food resources: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/food-nutrition-services/food-resources-students-and-families>
- Call 311 to be connected to other food resources in the Somerville area.

### **Just for Fun**

The New England Aquarium in Boston is currently closed to visitors, but you can enjoy a virtual visit and associated activities at this link: <https://www.neaq.org/visit/at-home-events-and-activities/>

Have a calm and restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Mary Skipper, Superintendent