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Dear Somerville Public Schools Families and Staff,

We hope you had a quiet and restful weekend. In preparation for the second week of the extended school closure, we want to remind you of services available to students and families for the coming week.

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

We are adding the Healey School as a fourth breakfast and lunch Grab-and-Go meal distribution site this week. SPS students and families can pick up breakfast and lunch meals Monday-Friday, 9:00-11:00am at any of the sites listed below. No ID is required, and one person can pick up for more than one member of the family. Bring a bag if you are picking up for multiple family members. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather as we may ask you to stand out in the elements to ensure that we follow social distancing norms.

- East Somerville Community School
- West Somerville Neighborhood School
- Winter Hill Community Innovation School
- Healey School (new site)

## **Other Food Resources**

- For additional food resources available to Somerville families: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/food-resources](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/food-resources).
- Call 311 to be connected to other food resources in the Somerville area.

## **Home Learning Resources**

- Visit our Home Learning website for a growing list of high quality grade-level home learning resources: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/home-learning](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/home-learning).
- **DESE and WGBH/PBS Partnership for Educational Resources.** In partnership with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, WGBH and PBS have curated FREE, standards-aligned resources that students and families can explore while students are home. The resources span disciplines for grades PreK-12, are aligned to national and state standards, and include videos, comprehensive lessons, interactive activities, and support materials such as teaching tips, background readings, and student handouts.
  - WGBH's new online Distance Learning Center, [www.wgbh.org/distance-learning-center](http://www.wgbh.org/distance-learning-center)
  - PBS LearningMedia, <https://mass.pbslearningmedia.org>

## **Distribution of Diapers 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 Important Reminders and Information**

- For a list of resources and articles on how to your kids about COVID-19, visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/TalkingAboutCoronavirus](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/TalkingAboutCoronavirus).
- Visit [www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus](http://www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus) for the latest information and updates on COVID-19 from the City of Somerville. Click on the “Give Help or Get Assistance” tab for information on

food access, business and employee assistance, housing and family assistance, student assistance, and ways to help others.

- Remember to take all recommended preventative measures.
  - The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. Please follow social distancing norms. The virus is thought to spread from person-to-person, typically between people in close contact (less than 6 feet apart) through respiratory droplets, which are produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
  - Clean your hands often. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you are unable to wash your hands, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Avoid close contact with others outside of your household.
  - Cover coughs and sneezes.
  - Clean and disinfect touched surfaces daily.
  - Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care, and try to isolate yourself as much as possible from other members of your household

**Just for Fun**

Free, fun movement and mindfulness videos from GoNoodle at [www.gonoodle.com/](http://www.gonoodle.com/).

We are looking forward to reconnecting with you this week.

Sincerely,

Mary Skipper, Superintendent