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Dear SPS Families and Staff,

The last two weeks of the school year offer an opportunity to celebrate the work that our students and teachers have done throughout the year. I look forward to celebrating in new ways, the many accomplishments and milestones of our students. Their success is due to the able and compassionate guidance of our teachers and staff, and the steadfast support of their families. Please join us over the next 2 weeks in congratulating our students and acknowledging the incredible work that students and staff have done over the course of the year, particularly given the unexpected challenges over the last few months.

As we mentioned previously, we will be surveying students, families and staff about their remote learning experience to help inform our planning for the fall. The family survey will be distributed in two waves. Please look for a survey link early next week.

NEW/UPDATED INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Today's Shout-Out: While Full Circle seniors will be receiving their diplomas at a modified and socially-distanced event at Dilboy Stadium on Wednesday, June 10, at 4 o'clock, the Next Wave/Full Circle staff and graduating seniors and their families held a virtual celebration this week. Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients and to the entire Full Circle graduating Class of 2020! You can watch that event at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0fxmRxLyvU>.

Just for Fun: Watch the amazing [Alvin Ailey Dance Company](#)'s full length performances, short dance clips, or follow a dance workshop online led by Ailey instructors. For more fun and interactive activities, visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/JustforFun.

LIST OF RESOURCES, CONTINUING PROGRAMS AND IMPORTANT LINKS

Curriculum Resources and Tech Support Available Online

- High quality grade-level home learning resources: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/home-learning
- If you are having trouble with your device, please submit a request for support using this [Somerville Public Schools Remote Tech Support Contact Form](#).
- Language Support for Technology Questions: SPS parents/students who need language assistance with technology should call 311 or email 311updates@somervillema.gov. A bilingual educator will contact you to assist you. Dial (617) 666-3311 if you are calling from a number outside of Somerville.
- SPS Remote Learning Plan can be accessed at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/RemoteLearning

Continuing Programs and Resources

- **Free/Reduced Lunch Application:** Qualifying for free/reduced lunch may open up additional resources for your family, such as eligibility for P-EBT benefits. If your student attends a non-CEP school in our district (a school other than SHS, Healey, NWFC, WHCIS, and ESCS) and you believe your financial situation might now make you eligible for free/reduced lunch, you can apply online [HERE](#).
- **Breakfast and Lunch Grab-and-Go Meals** Mondays-Fridays, 9-11 a.m. at ESCS, Healey, WSNS, and Winter Hill. No ID required. Bring a bag if you are picking up for multiple family members.
- **Other food-related resources in the city**, visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/food-resources.

- ***Distribution of Diapers:*** Distribution of free diapers to families with babies or young children will continue on **Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00a.m.** at each of the four school food distribution sites, through June and while supplies last.
- ***Comcast Internet Essentials:*** We want to remind families that Comcast is offering two months of free internet service to families in need, through their Internet Essentials program. ***If you qualify for the school free/reduced lunch program, you are eligible for this important service.*** Information on how to apply and sign up for Internet Essentials from Comcast is available at: <https://internetessentials.com/>

Other Important Links & Information

- Visit www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus for the most current information on COVID-19 and resources available in our community.
- Talking to your kids about COVID-19: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/TalkingAboutCoronavirus.
- Basic supports for families during COVID-19: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/relief-our-families.

Respectfully,

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