

[View this email in your browser](#)



Weekly Update | March 25, 2020

Vol. 3, Issue 4

A Message from Alicia

On Monday, Governor Baker issued a stay-at-home advisory to Massachusetts citizens and ordered the closure of nonessential businesses. As we head into our second day of the advisory, and the second week of school closure, our school community is undertaking adjustments necessary for virtual learning. Moving classes online has required planning, flexibility, and work from faculty, students, and families. Now into our second week of virtual learning, teachers have had the opportunity to discuss what is most important to students and their families.

The primary objective of our distance learning model is to provide a way your child may remain connected to our school community. Although we are now practicing social distancing, we are working to maintain the important place your child holds in school. Our goal with all virtual learning assignments is to keep students engaged and learning. Although we cannot replicate the routines of our school day, by providing some virtual learning, we hope to give our students something to work toward and focus on.

Virtual learning could never replace the day-to-day routines, nor the social interactions that each day in the classroom provides. What virtual learning can do is keep your child tied to something familiar and meaningful. Because we do not know the length of time we will be asked to follow social distancing protocol, virtual learning is the anchor we have designed to keep your child feeling secure during uncertain times.

We know there are adjustments to be made. Teachers continue to meet during virtual common planning time to discuss the amount of work each is assigning, how that work should be assessed, and how our students are faring under these new circumstances. Please know that we will be adjusting the amount of work over the next few days so that our students do not feel

overwhelmed. It has been difficult for schools and districts throughout Massachusetts to make educational decisions based upon the information given. But we do know that every child in Massachusetts is under the same constraints and that when we return to school, teachers will extend every consideration to ensure the best possible outcome for your child.

As a parent, I know that many of you may be feeling a little overwhelmed yourself. Please know that no one expects you to become a teacher. You need not worry about explaining fractions, literary devices, or the French and Indian War. You have enough to do. Your role as a parent has not changed; instead it has become even more important.

Below are some resources to provide need information for parents. As some of the articles suggest, remember to do some of the things you enjoy with your family that you may not have had the opportunity to do before social distancing. In these newly found moments, you are creating the stories they will tell their grandchildren. Navigating these unprecedented times is a challenge, yet we know the time we spend with our children is something that will last a lifetime.

We will be publishing the Weekly Update each Wednesday throughout our school closure. Next week's edition will contain a terrific piece by Kristen Connolly, our History and Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator. You will read about some amazing student accomplishments this year and learn about exciting new directions the curriculum is taking statewide. I hope you will enjoy reading about what's new from the History and Social Studies department as we look forward to what is to come.

Alicia Savage

Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Articles for Parents

[PBS | How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)

[Child Mind Institute | Supporting Families During COVID-19](#)

[New York Times | 5 Ways to Help Teens Manage Anxiety About the Coronavirus](#)

[New York Times | Talking to Teens and Tweens About Coronavirus](#)

COVID-19 Government Updates

[CDC Updates](#)

[FDA Updates](#)

[Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)

[City of Boston](#)

Zoom

[Zoom Information for Parents](#)

DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING FREE AND REDUCED MEALS

ABINGTON

The Abington Public Schools Food Service Program will be providing grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals to families in need of food assistance. If your family is in need of assistance, please contact Bernie Darcy, Food Service Director, at meals@abingtonps.org or at 781-982-2156 to make arrangements for meals.

ATTLEBORO

Students will have access to a “grab and go” school lunch during this closure. For the safety of participants and staff, our procedure will comply with social distancing expectations. Hours for pick up are 11:30 to 1:00 PM at the Superintendent’s Entrance at Attleboro High School beginning Tuesday, March 17th through Friday, March 20th.

AVON

Butler Elementary School Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-11:00 am. Please come to the door on the left side of the building. Meals will be “grab and go”. Lunches will be brought outside upon your arrival. There will be no admittance into the building.

BOSTON

BPS will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all Boston children beginning Tuesday, March 17. Locations will be open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 11:30 am at the schools listed below and shown on this map in blue. A variety of packaged meal options will be available for pick-up. <https://www.boston.gov/departments/food-access/map-meal-sites-boston>

BRAINTREE

Offering grab and go meals FREE to all children in Braintree 18 years and under during school closures. Pick up meals between 10 AM to 12 PM Monday through Friday at Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington St) or Ross Elementary (20 Hayward St).

BRIDGEWATER

Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 at the front entrance of Bridgewater High School 415 Center Street, Bridgewater.

BROCKTON

Meals will be available at Brockton High School, North Middle School,

South Middle School and East Middle School. Families who plan to pick up meals at Brockton High should use the Belmont Street entrance. Upon arrival, please follow the traffic cones to enter the line. The Food Services team will count the number of children in your vehicle and provide one breakfast and one lunch for each student present. The team will provide reheating instructions when needed.

HALIFAX

Meals will be available at Brockton High School, North Middle School, South Middle School and East Middle School. Families who plan to pick up meals at Brockton High should use the Belmont Street entrance. Upon arrival, please follow the traffic cones to enter the line. The Food Services team will count the number of children in your vehicle and provide one breakfast and one lunch for each student present. The team will provide reheating instructions when needed.

HANOVER

Please contact jvlassakis@hanoverschools.org to receive meals during school closures.

HANSON

Meal pick up at the Whitman/Hanson High School Performing Arts Center entrance from 11 to 1.

HINGHAM

[Complete Survey Here](#)

HOLBROOK

Meal pick up at the Superintendent Office door #3 Monday through Friday 11-12 pm.

HULL

The Hull Public Schools has joined with Wellspring to provide meals to our students on free and reduced lunch. The program will begin on Tuesday, March 17 at Wellspring. This week food pick up will be available Tuesday – Friday and next week Monday – Friday between the hours of 10:00 and 12:00. Given the need for social distancing, families will drive behind Wellspring to pick up their meal packages. Signage will be posted to direct the traffic flow.

KINGSTON

Please contact Megan Ahrenholz, RD, School Nutrition Director, 781-582-3556 or mahrenholz@slrsd.org.

MARSHFIELD

Meal pick up at Boys & Girls Club 8 - 11 am.

NORWELL

Please email judith.crooks@norwellschools.org

PEMBROKE

Meal pick up at North Pembroke or Hobomock Elementary School 11-1.

PLYMOUTH

Hedge Elementary School will be serving lunch from 11:30-12:30 daily Monday through Friday. Any Plymouth child 18 and under will be provided a meal. Documentation is not required. Enter around the back of the building through the blue cafeteria door across from the playground. Please know that this is open to all students residing in Plymouth. We will not be asking for age verification. Also, food will be distributed as a “grab and go” option. We are not serving food in the same manner as we would if school was in session. Breakfast items will also be available to bring home. Hedge Elementary is located at 258 Standish Avenue, Plymouth.

QUINCY

Breakfast and lunch will be available for Quincy students to pick up at Lincoln Hancock Community School (Water Street side of building), North Quincy High School (316 Hancock Street), Quincy High School (100 Coddington Street) and Snug Harbor Community School (333 Palmer Street) Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM during the weeks of school closure. Additional information can be found here: [School Nutrition Meal Plan 3.16.2020](#)

RANDOLPH

Meals can be picked up from 11-12:30 from the following schools RHS = Poolside Entrance, Donoven = Front Entrance, JFK = Front Entrance, Lyons = Front Entrance.

ROCKLAND

Free bag lunch will be served Monday through Friday at the “Mainstreet” entrance of RHS/RMS between the hours of 11:30 am and 12:30 pm Monday through Friday.

TAUNTON

Breakfast 8-8:30 lunch 12-12:45 at Mulcahey, Hopewell, Martin Middle & Parker Middle. Grab and Go boxes.

WEYMOUTH

Student meals will be available for DRIVE-THROUGH and walk-through pick up between 11:00-1:00 each day at Seach Primary School and Abigail Adams Middle School. Each student meal will consist of milk and a bagged lunch. The program will be available each week day during the closure period. This form will be sent out each week for you to complete. These lunch options are FREE for all students. Lunches noted may change due to student participation. We appreciate all families who complete

this form to help us estimate demand but will provide food to all families. [Sign Up Here](#)

WHITMAN

Meal pick up at the Whitman/Hanson High School Performing Arts Center entrance from 11 to 1.

SSCPS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

To order online go to www.coffeepond.com, to login use school password: bluejaguar.

See the information from [Coffee Pond!](#) Families may submit a special personalized page for their senior that will appear in the back of the book at these rates: Full page \$150, 1/2 pg. \$75, 1/4 pg. \$50. Due date is March 30, 2020. The yearbook staff can help with any design concerns.

Please email Christine at cbodnar@sscps.org with any questions.

From the Foundation

Annual Fund Update

Please make your [contribution](#) to the Annual Fund today! We are hoping for 100% participation from all of our families to reach our \$75,000 goal.

Wednesday	03/25	Board of Trustees Finance Meeting (Conference Call)	7:00pm-8:00pm
Wednesday	04/01	Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am-8:30am
Thursday	05/07	Board of Trustees	7:30pm-8:30pm
Thursday	05/07	Board of Trustees Committee Meetings	TBD

Zoom Information for Parents

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

- [2020 Annual Family Survey](#)
- [Free and Reduced Lunch Pick Up Information](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- Community Interest: Click here for information on [Team IMPACT](#)

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.

School Documents

[2019-20 School Calendar](#)

[2020-21 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)



Copyright © 2020 South Shore Charter Public School, All rights reserved.

Our website address is:

www.sscps.org

This email was sent to <<Email Address>>
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

