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"We are committed to developing a community of learners who are academically proficient, demonstrate strong character and exhibit self-confidence."

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Greetings New Bedford Public Schools Families:


During this stressful time, it is important to keep life as normal as possible for our children and support those around us. While at home, here are some ways we can support students:

- **The "Grab and Go" meals program** is available for PK-12 students Monday through Friday between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Students 18 years old and younger may take one (1) lunch and one (1) breakfast for the next day from any site. The sites are:
Gomes ES, Campbell ES, Carney Academy, Hayden-McFadden ES, Lincoln ES, Keith Middle School and Roosevelt Middle School
- **Medication:** Parents can pick-up their student's medication from school. The nurse's office at each school will be available on Thursday, March 19, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Monday, March 23, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and by individual appointment.
- **Registration:** Please check our website for more information as we are shifting mostly online: http://www.newbedfordschools.org/depts_programs/family_welcome_center
- **Learning opportunities** will be shared via several social media platforms including the NBPS website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Student work packets will be available online. [CLICK HERE FOR AT HOME STUDENT WORK](#) Paper copies can be picked up at your school and at all "Grab and Go" lunch sites. Schools will also notify families of additional pickup times. Teachers' email addresses are on the website should you need support. Click here for [Teacher Email Addresses](#)
- **Playgrounds:** As of today, March 18, 2020, all city playgrounds, including the playgrounds located at schools will be closed.

To be consistent with city offices, our offices will be closed to the general public, but are staffed to support you via email or phone calls. Please practice social distancing as it is recommended. We have created an informative video on our website and social media platforms. We will continue to update information on local radio stations, news outlets, social media, and our website.

I have been appreciative and encouraged by the hundreds of emails and phone calls we are receiving with offers to volunteer and provide resources. As always, thank you for your support as we all go through this very challenging time.

Sincerely,


Thomas Anderson
Superintendent

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

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