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Dear Hingham Schools Community,

We hope this communication finds you and your family well during these uncertain times. On Monday the district rolled out our Remote Learning Plan to students in grades PK-12. As we head into a long weekend, our leadership team wanted to provide each of you with a little sunshine on an otherwise rainy afternoon; here is the link to a video surprise for our community from the district's leadership team:

<https://animoto.com/play/4bvEHtZozNL3vHGKzkdrHw?autostart=1>

Here are some important reminders regarding the district's operations:

Contact Information (REMINDER)

It has become clear this week as we rolled out the *Remote Learning Plan* on Monday that many incorrect email addresses are present in our system. While we work to correct these issues, we once again ask your support in ensuring we have up-to-date email addresses, particularly for our high school students. At the PK-8 level the primary contact is typically the parent/guardian. At the high school level, in many instances, the primary contact is the student. If anyone has not been receiving district or school communications, please contact the appropriate building administrative assistant (see below) who will update the record. We thank those who have reached out to us with updates or corrections.

Hingham High School Contact:	Marilyn Player (mplayer@hinghamschools.org)
Hingham Middle School:	Marjorie Graney (mgraney@hinghamschools.org)
East Elementary School:	Sharon Hall (shall@hinghamschools.org)
Foster Elementary School:	Maria Sandberg (msandberg@hinghamschools.org)
PRS:	Jeannine Banner (jbanner@hinghamschools.org)
South Elementary School:	Pamela Graham (pgraham@hinghamschools.org)

HPS Remote Learning Plan

Last week the district sent out the Family Guide to the *Remote Learning Plan* that contained the guiding principles the district used to develop the plan, an explanation of the district's instructional model of asynchronous instruction, as well as opportunities when synchronous connections might be provided. This document has been posted to our COVID-19 page on the district's website. If any parent or student has not yet received work from their teacher, please contact your teacher or principal, directly.

HPS Manual for the Provision of Virtual Special Education Services

Last week the district sent out a letter for parents/guardians of students eligible for special education and/or related services written by the district's Director of Student Services, Dr. Suzanne Vinnes. This document has been posted to our COVID-19 page on the district's website and additional questions can be directed to your student's special education teacher.

Kindergarten Registration Extended (REMINDER)

The district has extended the window for Kindergarten registration until Friday, April 17, 2020. Registrations can be mailed to your child's school or registrations can be scanned to the Administrative Assistant at your child's school. Registration forms can be found on the school website. Due to the current school closure, mailing or scanning your child's birth certificate with the registration materials is acceptable. Please mail or scan registration materials to your child's school to ensure the District has accurate information for planning purposes for the upcoming school year. A notice of the extension will be sent to all community preschools tomorrow, but please help us spread the word to anyone you know who may have children enrolling in Kindergarten this coming fall.

Hingham Historical Society (REMINDER)

The Hingham Historical society has launched a living history project aimed at capturing the impact of the COVID-19 situation on the Hingham Community. For more information, you can visit their website (link: <https://hinghamhistorical.org/living-history-hingham-on-hold/>).

Online Student Safety (REMINDER)

With the increased distribution of technology to our students and their increased use of technology, we wanted to provide some resources you may find helpful. The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office has adopted the "STOP, BLOCK, and TALK" program, designed to provide you and your student language to understand key concepts associated with cybersafety. These resources have also been posted to our COVID-19 resource webpage for your review.

Food Service Meals During School Closure (REMINDER)

"Grab and Go" lunches are available for any Hingham student in need. Meals may be picked-up daily (Monday - Friday) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the picnic tables outside of the Hingham High School Cafeteria. (Please use the 41 Pleasant Street entrance and

stay to the right and follow the driveway until you see the cafeteria on your left.) When you arrive, a school nutrition employee will bring the meal(s) out to your car. Please note that meals must be consumed off-site. If anyone is unable to physically pick-up a meal, please email Kim Smyth, Director of Food Service, at ksmyth@hinghamschools.org who will arrange a drop-off to your home.

General Considerations (REMINDER)

Please remember this statewide closure is designed to mitigate the spread of COVID 19. We want to remind everyone in our community to practice social distancing, stay at least 6 feet away from others, and avoid gatherings of more than 10 people. Social gatherings and playdates are also discouraged. A reminder that all school facilities including playgrounds are closed until further notice. And, as you have been hearing from multiple sources, handwashing for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water is another great defense to keep you and your family healthy.

District Points of Contact (REMINDER)

In order to streamline the district’s communications with the community we have designed district points of contact to address any concerns or questions that may be raised. Please note the addition of points of contact for all departments in the district:

Programmatic Area	Point of Contact & Email
General District Operations	Dr. Paul Austin, Superintendent paustin@hinghamschools.org
District’s Academic Engagement Plan & District’s Remote Learning Plan	Dr. James M. LaBillois, Assistant Superintendent jlabillois@hinghamschools.org
Special Education & Related Services	Dr. Suzanne Vinnes, Director of Student Services svinnes@hinghamschools.org
Building Operations, Physical Plant, Custodial & Support Services	John Ferris, Director of Business & Support Services jferris@hinghamschools.org
Preschool	Becky Case, Assistant Principal (East) bcase@hinghamschools.org
Kindergarten	Lori Jacobs, Assistant Principal (South) ljacobs@hinghamschools.org
Grade 1	Charleen Fabrizio, Assistant Principal (PRS) cfabrizio@hinghamschools.org

Grade 2	Jen Newell, Assistant Principal (Foster) jnewell@hinghamschools.org
Grade 3	Melissa Smith, Principal (PRS) msmith@hinghamschools.org
Grade 4	Dr. Beth Wilcox, Principal (Foster) ewilcox@hinghamschools.org
Grade 5	Mary Eastwood meastwood@hinghamschools.org
6-12 English Language Arts	Mary Andrews, Director of English mandrews@hinghamschools.org
6-12 Mathematics	Dave Jewett, Director of Mathematics djewett@hinghschools.org
6-12 Science	Katie Roberts, Director of Science kroberts@hinghamschools.org
6-12 Social Studies	Andy Hoey, Director of Social Studies ahoey@hinghamschools.org
6-12 World Languages	Erica Pollard, Director of World Languages epollard@hinghamschools.org
K-12 Counseling & Section 504	Heather Rodriguez, Director of Counseling hrodriguez@hinghamschools.org
Athletics	Jim Quatromoni, Director of Athletics jquatromoni@hinghamschools.org
Nutritional Support/Lunch	Kim Smyth, Director of Food Service ksmyth@hinghamschools.org
6-12 Physical Education	Meghan Melanson, 6-12 P.E. Resource Teacher mmelanson@hinghamschools.org
K-5 Physical Education	Erica Ouellette, K-5 P.E. Resource Teacher eouellette@hinghamschools.org
6-12 Family & Consumer Science	Lauren Beischel, F&CS Resource Teacher lbeischel@hinghamschools.org
K-12 Art	Rose Papuga, Art Resource Teacher rpapuga@hinghamschools.org
K-5 Music	Joann Bellis, K-5 Music Resource Teacher jbellis@hinghamschools.org

6-12 Music	Phaedre Sassano, 6-12 Music Resource Teacher psassano@hinghamschools.org
K-12 Health	Karen Beatty, Health Resource Teacher kbeatty@hinghamschools.org
K-12 Library & Media	Sara Daly, Library & Media Resource Teacher sdaly@hinghamschools.org
6-12 Industrial Technology	Dr. Paul Pawlowski, IT Resource Teacher ppawlowski@hinghamschools.org
Nursing & Medical Services	Debbie Whiting, Nurse Resource Teacher dwhiting@hinghamschools.org

Should you have any feedback or questions about this communication, or if you have questions related to the remote learning plan, please let your building principal or a member of our leadership team know. Should there be any additional questions pertaining to a specific area, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate point of contact listed above.

We also want to take a moment to wish all of our families who celebrate a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter! Enjoy the long weekend, Hingham!

Sincerely,

Hingham Public Schools Leadership Team