

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District

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Dear HWRSD families,

As you are aware, the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has closed schools through April 6, 2020 in response to Governor Baker's Executive Order given the unprecedented situation created by the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). I want to stress that there are currently no presumptive or confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our community of Hampden-Wilbraham. We hope that our district and surrounding communities remain protected from this extraordinary situation.

The information and guidance from local, state and federal authorities has resulted in decisions and actions that are ever changing to adapt to this evolving situation. For answers to specific questions you may have relating to Special Education, please see the attached guidelines issued by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) through this link: [OSEP Guidance issued March 2020](#).

As indicated in the guidance provided by OSEP, since we will not be providing educational services to the general student population, we are not required to provide services for students with disabilities. All timelines for referrals, annual reviews and re-evaluations will be frozen. This means that as soon as schools open again, the timelines will commence as is required by state and federal regulations. Additionally, at that time, we will be working with families to understand the impact of the closure on students.

While we understand that maintaining a regular school-type schedule may be difficult to do at home when school is canceled, we hope that the following websites will support you and your child in doing activities that keep your child thinking and learning while we are out of school. The District has created a site of resources for academic engagement: <https://sites.google.com/hwrdsd.org/hwrdsdlearningcommunity/home>

Reading Rockets (www.readingrockets.org) : This website has an extensive library of lessons that center on literacy skills.

Learning Ally (www.learningally.org) : This website has access to over 80,000 books that are read out loud.

Math Game Time (www.mathgametime.com) and **Math Playground (www.mathplayground.com)** : These websites offer multi-graded math practice for students

AAA Math (www.aaamath.com) : This website includes thousands of interactive arithmetic lessons

Arcademics (www.arcademics.com) and **Fun Brain (www.funbrain.com)** : These websites include free, educational games for multiple grade levels in all content areas

Go Noodle (www.gonoodle.com) : This website provides many movement and mindfulness activities.

We are in constant communication with our liaisons at both the state and federal level, and will communicate any updates as a district and department in a timely manner. I hope you and your family stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully,
Gina Roy, Director of Student Services

In pursuit of educational excellence, the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District envisions an interactive learning community of creative, passionate thinkers in a safe and healthy environment, embracing opportunities to contribute to and compete in a global society while valuing honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect for each individual.