



## ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear ARRSD Families,

The District is writing to inform you about supports available during this school closure. Please keep in mind, as government officials communicate with the School Department, these may change.

- **Food Services:** We will provide free lunch and breakfast beginning on Tuesday, March 17th. Families may access lunch and breakfast for any child under the age of 19 in one of two ways:
  1. Picking up food at your closest bus stop. Buses with food will arrive at regular scheduled bus stops two hours after the normal Elementary pick up time, once per day. For example, if an elementary child is usually picked up at 8am, the bus will arrive at 10am. Regardless of the age of the student, all food will be delivered on this elementary pick up schedule.
  2. Alternatively, you may pick up food outside of AHS or ACES front doors Monday through Friday between the hours of 10am and 11am.
- **Medication and Personal Belongings:** All schools will be open on Tuesday, March 17th from 9am-12pm for families to pick up medications at the nurses offices or personal items from students' lockers. If you are in need of an alternative time, please contact the school's main office between the hours of 8am and 1pm to make special arrangements.
- **Educational Services and Enrichment:** At this time, the district is working on a plan to provide students with review and enrichment learning opportunities during the school closure. This district will use the One Call system to inform you how to access materials once they are available. We hope to have this plan ready by Wednesday, March 18, 2020.
- **Computer & Internet Access:** We realize many families may not have access to online services. We are currently working with SPECTRUM to see how families can access free internet services for up to 60 days. Also, the district will be making arrangements for families who do not have computers at home to be assigned a chromebook for their household during this school closure. Information in regards to this will be provided by Wednesday, March 18th at the latest.
- **Additional Supports:** If your household is in need of additional support, please call our main offices. We will do our best to provide you with information in regards to community resources you may contact for support.

The district is committed to supporting all families in our district. We will continue to communicate with you as frequently and often to ensure you are supported through these unprecedented times. Do not hesitate to call your child's school with questions. All schools will be open from 8am to 1pm Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Darcy Fernandes, Superintendent of Schools  
Athol-Royalston Regional School District