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Dr. Kerry Parker
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Dear New Milford Public Schools Families and Staff,

Today we successfully distributed 275 Chromebooks to students in need of a device to participate in our upcoming distance learning. We will be sharing the distance learning plan with parents on Monday. As with everything we have been doing in the last week – it will likely evolve. We appreciate your support and patience during the plan's implementation.

Principals are your best source for student-specific issues, so email them directly.

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FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH!!

Starting Monday, March 23, our district will be providing **FREE Breakfast and Lunch for ANY student (18 and under) in need every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** These Grab and Go meals will be distributed at Sarah Noble Intermediate School without the need to leave your vehicle. Follow this link to pre-order [Grab and Go Information](#).

NEW INFORMATION

When can we get items left at school that are non-essential? While there will be times in the future for students to collect items, I'm not certain when that will be. As you know, we are expected to limit gathering to less than 10 people, so it is not feasible at this time for us to bring students into the buildings. I will certainly communicate when we decide on dates and times for collecting items.

UPDATED INFORMATION

Who Needs to Pick Up a Chromebook? Students will only need a Chromebook if they do not have access to a computer, laptop, iPad, or similar device with internet capability. Students do not need their own device. Under the Distance Learning Plan, teachers will provide lessons for students in K-5 via email transmission, and students 6-12 will access their learning in the teacher's Google classroom where they can respond to lessons and questions from the teacher in the virtual environment. The lessons will not be live, nor will they require students to be on a

device at the same time. Most families should be able to share a Chromebook within their household.

All Chromebooks will be distributed at Sarah Noble Intermediate School. We ask that if you must come at a time other than the scheduled time for your school, you do this as a last resort in order to limit traffic and keep enough devices available.

- Devices can be picked up at the cafeteria exterior entrance on the side of the building.
- Please pay attention as there will be signage leading you to the distribution point.
- When you arrive, please wait inside your car. Someone will be going car-to-car to provide instructions.

Friday March 20, 2020

9:00 – 10:30 **HPS students**, distribution at Sarah Noble Intermediate School

10:30 – 12:00 **NES students**, distribution at Sarah Noble Intermediate School

12:00 – 2:00 **NMHS & LHTC**, distribution at Sarah Noble Intermediate School

SUPPORT INFORMATION

How can I access resources for a special education student? Please use this link to view a comprehensive list of resources: [Learning Resources for Special Education Students](#). These resources are also posted on the home page of our district website.

What if a family does not have access to the internet at home? Here's the link for 60 days of free internet offered by Spectrum: [Free Internet from Spectrum](#)

How can students participate in Camella's Cupboard? Food distribution for students in need takes place on Friday night from 5:30-7:00 pm at the back of our NMPS Central Office at 50 East Street. If you have a need, Camella's Cupboard welcomes you! If you have questions, contact Angela@camellascupboard.com or visit www.camellascupboard.com

Thinking of you all and wishing you good health!



Kerry Parker and the NMPS Leadership Team