



East Providence School Department

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Good Afternoon East Providence Community:

Governor Gina Raimondo called for an extended closing of all Rhode Island Schools through Friday, April 3, 2020. In light of this announcement and directive it is important for you to know we will continue our educational and instruction plans through distance learning.

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you of our plan with respect to continuing instruction for all East Providence students:

- You all have received a Chromebook which was picked up at Martin Middle School which was distributed Wednesday-Friday, March 18-20, 2020.
- You will have and will be provided with information on internet service.
- East Providence Public School District is providing and will continue to provide boxed breakfast and lunch for all students 18 years of age and under. The meals will be distributed at the following sites and times:

Truck #1	9:15-9:45 am	Pierce Field Stadium Entrance 201 Mercer Street East Providence, RI 02914
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Production Site:	8:30-10:00 am	East Providence High School Student Parking Lot 2000 Pawtucket Avenue East Providence, RI 02914
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In addition to the above stated sites deliveries will be distributed to bus routes (see attached document).

Special Education Instruction will also continue their instruction. Elementary and secondary students will continue to utilize Google Classroom in order to continue instruction and assignments. Their teachers and support staff will be contacting them on a daily basis Monday-Friday.

Students with Special Needs

The East Providence School Department, in partnership with families and the community, is committed to provide a comprehensive, inclusive program of academic excellence in a safe, nurturing environment preparing all students to become responsible, life-long learners able to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

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Students identified with disabilities will be provided with instruction through the distance learning platform. Service providers and teachers will ensure that individual supports, services and accommodations for students with an individual education plans (IEP's) and individual learning plans (ILP's) or a section 504 plan are available. Special educators will make necessary accommodations and modifications for students with IEP's. If a child is unable to receive services during the closure, a child's IEP team or the 504 team will make individual determinations as well as compensatory services may be needed.

Teachers will be available to communicate electronically with parents via email or google classrooms for the purpose of instruction.

Nurses will be checking in on their students daily. Our head nurse Diane Wallace will continue to issue weekly health updates to keep you and your family safe.

All of our therapists will be going on a virtual platform starting next week to service their students.

Our custodial and maintenance staff are well prepared and will be cleaning and sanitizing our schools in accordance with CDC guidelines during the time of the school closure. Custodians and maintenance crews have been diligently increasing sanitization procedures and continue to provide a high level of extra cleaning in all buildings. These are our first responders and they deserve our gratitude.

The East Providence Administration and staff realize that this is a very stressful situation for us all and we ask you to be patient and understanding as we traverse this new approach to distance learning. I will continue to update you with information for the Department of Health, RI Department of Education and the Governor's office pertaining to the state emergency plan.

The Governor has announced that these next 10 days of virtual learning will be counted as regular school days.

Again, thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

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