

the
CHARTER SCHOOL

March 17, 2020

Dear Charter Families,

Please note that Governor Baker has closed all Massachusetts schools through **Monday, April 6th**.

- In order to protect our families, and ourselves it is essential that we practice social distancing behaviors. For more information please click [here](#).
- April Knight, a counselor at the school, put together a video to help families communicate with children about COVID-19. Please click [here](#).

As a reminder, students will **not** be expected to engage in graded distance learning activities. To help ensure that students have access to learning opportunities, teachers will continue to share digitally a variety of rich, **optional**, non-graded learning activities for students. This is not an expectation as part of our curriculum; we just want to keep your child engaged.

Comcast recently announced that they have made their internet essential services available for free to qualifying families. If you are interested, please click [here](#).

Some optional online resources include:

- [Scholastic](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)
- [WGBH Grades K-5](#)
- [WGBH Grades 6-8](#)
- [WGBH Grades 9-12](#)
- [Virtual Museum Tours](#)

A bag breakfast/lunch will be available to ALL Charter students between the hours of 11:00am-1:00pm, Monday-Friday. Please email me (psteedman@mvpcs.org) by 8:00 pm on a daily basis if you wish to pick up a bag lunch the next day.

These bag lunches will be available on the front deck. We will write the name of the student on the bag. We will always provide a vegetarian and gluten-free option. Please indicate in your email if you prefer a vegetarian or gluten-free meal. **Please practice social distancing protocols when you pick up your lunch.**

The Commissioner of Education is still maintaining that schools will not be open beyond our scheduled 185th day, which is June 29, 2020 for Charter School students. At this time, there is no expectation that schools will reopen during April vacation or operate on Saturdays. DESE has shared that it will, at present, postpone MCAS testing. Additional guidance is anticipated and I will share this information with our community.

As the situation evolves, I will continue to communicate with our Charter families. Please take care and contact me via email if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Steedman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pete Steedman, Ed. D.