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Dear Tewksbury Families and School Community,

I want to truly thank all the students, parents, staff members, and community members who have shown their support to Tewksbury Public Schools and the people we serve through a multitude of ways; your support and generosity during this difficult time is immeasurable.

Although all schools are closed, there continues to be work done daily to support our community during the State of Emergency. Our custodians, maintenance staff, and outside companies continue to deep clean all schools and prepare for students to return, whenever that may be. Our food service personnel are providing "Grab and Go" lunches from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the North Street School Monday through Friday to support families in need. If you are in need of meal support, or are aware of someone who is, please feel free to email Ms. Karen Baker O'Brien, our Director of Student and Family Support at [kbobrien@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kbobrien@tewksbury.k12.ma.us) to get more information. Our District Administration staff, principals, and secretaries have been here working daily to ensure our operations can be maintained. The dedication of all these individuals and many more, are true heroes in my eyes for their commitment to students and families.

Beginning today, Tewksbury families will have access to the [District Enrichment & Support Newsletter](#), which will outline comprehensive voluntary enrichment opportunities for students and a variety of supports for families during this time of school closure. Please know that after a phone conference with DESE today, major changes to this approach are likely to occur, and we will communicate those changes to you as we move forward. Additionally, TPS staff and administrators have collaborated with surrounding Merrimack Valley School Districts and MA DESE to develop these enrichment opportunities. Principals and administrators will be available via email to help parents if they have questions and students can expect some upcoming check in communication from their teachers, who have been eager to support enrichment opportunities. Please see this newsletter for more details.

As of Monday, we will be moving most of our operations to a remote functioning method. The best means by which to communicate with the school district will be via email; please do not come to the school buildings. Also, please practice effective social distancing, particularly keeping groups of students away from school grounds or other areas in town where they might congregate.

We all know that during these unprecedented times families can experience stressful situations and unexpected circumstances. Please know that Tewksbury Public Schools is here to support the community of Tewksbury and let you know that we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

*Chris Malone*

Mr. Chris Malone  
Superintendent of Schools

*TPS District Strategy*

*The Tewksbury Public Schools community believes that our educational program will encompass a 21st century teaching and learning approach that promotes consistent growth among our students and staff to achieve academic, social, and emotional success for all students.*