



March 16, 2020

Dear Excel Families,

Yesterday, Governor Baker announced that **all public and private schools across the state will close until Tuesday, April 7th**, extending our original closure from March 27th. You can read more about his statewide announcement here: <https://wbur.fm/2wXnT5C>. You likely also saw that Boston Public Schools anticipates being closed until April 27th.

We are glad that our state and city leaders are taking such aggressive actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19, and we will continue to do our part to help with this effect. We are in close touch with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and public health officials and will not re-open until it is clearly safe to do so. Based on current evidence, it seems unlikely that will be before April 27th.

Throughout this closure, we remain committed to serving our students and families. As a reminder, to provide **academic support for students**, all students received assignments to complete during school the initial two-week closure and will work with our teachers and staff to provide resources and support to sustain them through the duration of our closure.

Teachers will be available from 12-2 PM daily, Monday through Friday. Your child can call or email his/her teacher to ask for support. All advisors will be reaching out to contact families or students at least once per week to check in on how they are doing. You should feel free to contact your child's advisor if you have any questions.

We will also extend meal delivery. During our school closure, Excel Academy Charter School will continue to serve breakfast and lunch to our students and their family members from two sites - Excel Academy - Chelsea and Excel Academy Charter High School. We'll offer meals daily from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

If you can't pick up your child's meal, please text "EXCEL" to 617-466-9384 and we will follow up so that we can deliver food directly to you. Please be vigilant of our phone call to schedule your meal. For questions please contact Rita Andrade or Estevan Puerta at 617-970-5355 (both of whom speak both English and Spanish). See our website for more details: <https://www.excelacademy.org/coronavirusupdates/>.

Additionally, Boston Public Schools and Chelsea Public Schools will offer meals daily at a number of locations. In East Boston, these sites will be open from 8:30-11:30 AM at numerous sites:

- Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris Street
- East Boston YMCA, 215 Bremen Street
- Salesian Boys & Girls Club, 150 Byron Street



- East Boston YMCA, 54 Ashley Street
- BCYF Martin Pino Community Center, 86 Boardman Street

In Chelsea, food will be available at the following locations between 11:30 AM-1:00 PM:

- Mary C. Burke Complex Parking Lot, 300 Crescent Avenue
- Williams Middle School Parking Lot, 180 Walnut Street
- Clark Avenue Middle School front entrance, 8 Clark Avenue
- Chelsea High School front entrance, 299 Everett Avenue
- St. Rose School courtyard, 580 Broadway

Many other sites throughout Boston and Chelsea are available - see a full list of Boston-based meal sites at: <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/coronavirus>.

We will continue to provide updates in the coming days as we learn more about how best to provide support during a very challenging time. For now, please stay safe and healthy.

Thank you as always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Owen".

Owen Stearns

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