

Dear Manchester Public School Community,

We are writing to provide updates related to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

As we announced yesterday, starting Monday, March 16th, schools will be closed for at least two weeks in an attempt to minimize the spread of the virus. We will continue to closely monitor conditions across the state and region before making a decision on a return date.

Meals

Starting Monday, March 16th, we will offer students free 'grab-and-go' breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday at three locations.

- Bennet Academy - School Street entrance
- Manchester Middle Academy (the former Robertson School building) - Main entrance
- Waddell Elementary School - Broad Street side door entrance along cafeteria

Breakfast will be available from 8:00 -10:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Students will not be allowed to congregate and must leave school grounds as soon as they get their meals.

Planning

- As of now, April break will remain as scheduled - Monday, April 13th - Friday, April 17th.
- Manchester High School graduation will remain as scheduled - Tuesday, June 16th at the Xfinity Theater in Hartford.
- As announced yesterday, the last day of school will be Tuesday, June 30th regardless of the length of the closure.

Academic Connections

During the closure we will not have any formal distance-learning as this would not allow for equitable experiences for all students. However, we encourage parents and guardians to support their children's learning by encouraging them to read and write in journals.

In addition to materials that students have at home, the district will be sharing optional supplemental work on school websites (www.mpspride.org) and through email, social media and more.

SAT - Manchester High School Only

SAT originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 will now be administered to all juniors on Tuesday, April 28.

Report Cards

If you didn't receive your child's report card before the closure of school, it will be sent to you once school resumes.

Registration

The Welcome Center at 555 Main Street is closed. Registrations will not be processed at this time. For registration information, please visit our website at www.mpspride.org/registration or click on [Registration Requirements](#) for registration details.

Adult Education

Adult Education at 555 Main Street is closed. All classes, including ESL classes, are suspended until further notice. Additional information will be forthcoming.

MELC

Manchester Early Learning Center (MELC) will be unable to provide before and after school care during the school closure.

Sincerely,

Matt Geary

Superintendent