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COVID19 Letter #6 Update

M.S.A.D. No. 75 families and community members,

All M.S.A.D. No. 75 schools will be closed until at least April 27, 2020. We understand the gravity of this decision and the impact it will have on our students, families, and community. We will reassess if and when the conditions warrant.

During this closure, teachers will continue to plan educational opportunities for students to work on at home. All school staff will be available by email during the regular school hours to answer questions and to be of assistance during this prolonged remote learning period.

Over the coming week (March 23-27), the elementary schools, Mt. Ararat Middle School, and Mt. Ararat High School will finish our *plans and then* communicate to students and parents the extended/remote learning plans. We anticipate sharing these updated plans for learning with students and parents at some point later next week. Our distance learning program is new for students, staff and parents. We are all in this together, we will make mistakes, you will make mistakes and we will all learn and grow together.

Our Special Education staff will be working with all families to make every effort to meet the needs of our students.

Breakfast and lunches will continue to be served from our five locations between the hours of 12:00-1:00 PM daily, regardless of income. These meals will be served at the following locations:

Mt Ararat Middle School
Woodside Elementary School
Bowdoinham Community School
Bowdoin Central School
Harpwell Community School

Should you have any special dietary needs, please contact Food Service Director Katy DiCara at dicarak@link75.org or 207-729-9961 ext. 1025. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.

This is a challenging period of time for all members of our community, State, and Country. I encourage each of us to look out for and help one another. Let's work together. If you see a problem, whether at school or in the community, help find or offer a solution. Follow the C.D.C., our Governor's, as well as our President's advice on what each of us can do so we can all do our part to help out.

I want to THANK the incredible team that has worked so hard in M.S.A.D. No. 75 to bring education and meals to our students and families! So many folks have worked nights and weekends to do everything possible in this massive change in how we do business.

All of our buildings are closed to the public. Almost all staff are working remotely but available during regular hours for email and are returning phone calls. We are also available by appointment if necessary and urgent.

Our Board of Directors, Finance, and Building Committee will start meeting only on essential agenda items. We are developing a plan that will allow for remote meetings and allow the public to view/live stream the proceedings. We will share our schedule for virtual board, finance and other meetings as soon as they are finalized.

Now is the time for all of us to support each other, to be positive and to be thankful for what we have. We can make it through together! MSAD No 75 will do everything we can to be a partner during this difficult period.

Sincerely and be well!

Shawn M. Chabot
Superintendent of Schools