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COVID19 Letter #5 Update

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

During the two-week school closing, M.S.A.D. No. 75 advises students to continue their number one job, learning. Due to the unique circumstances, these days will count as a school day and will not need to be made up at the end of the year. Therefore, it is critical for your student(s) to attend to learning every day possible.

Teachers in grades PreK-5 have created At-Home learning packets that can be picked up at the schools Tuesday and Wednesday. Packets that are not picked up will be mailed and will also be available on the "Grade Level Learning Packet" link on our district website at link75.org. Teachers in grades 6-12 have created online learning opportunities that can be accessed using school-issued laptops. If you do not have internet access at home, please call the school for printed copies.

We have carefully crafted this Continuity of Education Plan, and it is our goal that you have access to any teacher that is part of your student(s) normal school day. Your student's teacher will be available by email Monday-Friday during regular school hours to answer any questions. Please use teachers' school email accounts only. These emails can be found on our website at link75.org. Teachers and administrators will be working with all families that have specialized circumstances that could impact learning during this closure.

Elementary schools will be open Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and Wednesday, March 18, 2020 only from 9:00 - 4:00 for parents to pick up student's personal items, medication, learning plans, etc. MAMS and MTA will be open Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and Wednesday, March 18, 2020 only from 8:00 to 3:00. If these times do not work, please contact the school directly to work out other options.

In addition, beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020 we will be serving breakfast and lunch. These meals will be served together and are available to all enrolled students and any child under the age of 18. Pick-up times for these meals are 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM daily. The menu is available on the Food Services link on our website at link75.org

Meals will be delivered in the bus loops, from our buses. Kitchen staff will be asking how many meals are needed, and meals will be brought to your vehicle. For safety reasons, please stay in your vehicle; and we will

bring meals to you. At that time, meals will be recorded as they are served. We will try to pass meals to vehicles as quickly as possible.

At this point, due to the extraordinary circumstances, we are not sure how many meals will be needed, so we ask for your patience throughout this process. Should you have any special dietary needs, please contact Food Service Director Katy DiCara at <u>dicarak@link75.org</u> or 207-729-9961 ext. 1025. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.

All meals will be served at the following locations from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM daily.

Mt Ararat Middle School

Woodside Elementary School

Bowdoinham Community School

Bowdoin Central School

Harpswell Community School

Sincerely and be well,

Shawn M. Chabot

Superintendent of Schools