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To The Carver School Community:

The situation nationally, regionally, and locally is rapidly evolving in regards to the COVID-19 virus. Our goal will be to keep the Carver School Community up to date with the latest information in regards to COVID-19 and its impacts on us. As of today, the Carver Board of Health is reporting that no student or member of the Carver community has tested positive for COVID-19. If a student or staff member does become infected with COVID-19 we will inform the community following the guidelines outlined by HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) and FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act).

The district would like to provide you with some information about our operations while we are closed beginning today through Monday, April 6, 2020.

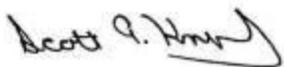
- We encourage the entire school community to practice social distancing, not allowing your student to go to social gatherings, or meet with groups of friends during the closure. The article [“Social Distancing - This is Not a Snow Day”](#) is a good resource.
- At this time, students are not required to complete any school-based assignments but we do encourage students to read, review materials, and keep up their skills. We have created a link on the school district’s webpage at <https://carver.org/school-closure-resources/> which will take you to a list of age and grade-appropriate resources (both digital and non-digital). I am also aware that some teachers are providing additional resources to their students.
- The school buildings will be closed to student access during this time. If you have any questions or need to access the building for any reason please contact the building Principal or myself by email. The building-based administration will be working remotely but available to respond to your questions or concerns.
 - Carver Middle High School - Mike Schultz - Principal - schultzm@carver.org
 - Carver Elementary School - Ruby Maestas - Principal maestasr@carver.org
 - Carver Public Schools - Scott Knief - Superintendent - kniefs@carver.org

- Starting on Thursday, March 19th we will be offering a “Grab and Go” lunch at the Elementary School on weekdays for all students in the district who are eligible for free and reduced lunch from 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Parent/Guardians should pull up to the front of the main entrance of the Elementary School and a staff member will provide them with lunch.
- For families needing internet assistance in their home, Comcast is providing a number of services including and a free or reduced-rate service for families that qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program. Information can be found online at: <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>
- We have sanitized both buildings and the district’s busses since we closed school on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Prior to students returning to school, we will sanitize the busses and each school again, otherwise we will be conducting a general cleaning of each building.
- At this time no official decisions have been made in regards to MCAS testing. The Massachusetts Department of Education is reporting that they will be giving guidance on the status of the MCAS exams to districts later this week.
- The College Board is going to allow for delayed testing dates of AP Exams for those schools that have closed in response to COVID-19. They have also stated they will continue to revise testing schedules as conditions warrant.
- Per order of the Carver Board of Health and in support of reducing the spread of COVID-19, the playgrounds at the Elementary School, and the tennis courts, basketball court and athletic field complex at the Middle High School are closed to the public until further notice.

We will keep you informed of any additional changes as the evolving public health situation continues and will provide you with a status update no later than Friday, March 20, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott E. Knief". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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