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## Carver Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know, Governor Charlie Baker announced the extension of the school closure through Friday, May 1, 2020, with a possible reopening of school on Monday, May 4, 2020. It is almost unbelievable, and admittedly unsettling, at how much the world has changed in the past two weeks. Our “new normal” is not easy and presents a lot of challenges, but Carver is a strong community and we will get through it together.

Teachers and administrators are coming to terms with the constantly-evolving situation, and we are all finding it difficult to keep pace. There are still too many questions and not enough answers. We have been asked to effectively transform public education overnight. While I know many parents are feeling anxious, myself included, we are doing our best to balance the needs of many people who belong to our school community, including students, families, and staff.

School is a sacred place where learning has its foundation in the relationships developed between students and teachers. Remote learning cannot replace our students’ experiences in school with their teachers, administrators, and support staff. That said, we must all pull together – parents and caregivers, students, the community, and of course our educators and staff – to help students continue their learning over this extended period of closure.

We are currently working to finalize our remote learning plan based upon the guidelines provided by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to school districts yesterday. The DESE guidance offers that we must provide for our students’ safety and wellness as well as provide them with educational experiences that will reinforce and deepen their skills. We plan to have our remote learning plan in place for **full implementation on Monday, April 6, 2020**. In the transition period from Monday, March 30, 2020, through Friday, April 3, 2020, we have established the following expectations for our teachers and students outlined on the following page.

By next Friday we will send you information about the full implementation of our remote learning plan that will have a greater emphasis on academic work, student engagement, and deeper learning.

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## Carver Middle High School

Term 3 for all students at the Middle High School will close on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Teachers will communicate to students the assignments/work/projects they will have the opportunity to complete by Friday, April 3rd to close out the term. Teachers will not be assigning any new work, just asking students to complete any outstanding work for Term 3. Teachers will also communicate their availability directly to students and parents and respond to questions and concerns in a timely manner during school hours. Teachers may also offer enrichment/extension/connection opportunities to students during this week.

If needed, students will be able to access the building with staff support. We will limit access to a few students at a time. Below is the schedule:

### Monday, March 30th: Grades 6-8

Student Last Name: A - L 9:00a - 10:30a. entry at Door #1 (*Main Office Entrance*)

Student Last Name: M - Z 10:30a - 12:00p entry at Door#3 (*High School Gymnasium Entrance*)

### Tuesday, March 31st: Grades 9-12

Student Last Name: A - L 9:00a - 10:30a. entry at Door #1 (*Main Office Entrance*)

Student Last Name: M - Z 10:30a - 12:00p entry at Door#3 (*High School Gymnasium Entrance*)

If you have students in both Middle and High School you can choose which day you would prefer. If these times do not work for you, please contact Mr. Schultz at [schultzm@carver.org](mailto:schultzm@carver.org).

We ask that all students check with staff at the appropriate door when arriving at school and we will limit the number of students allowed in the building at a time. We remind you that we are practicing social distancing and if we have several students on-site at a time, we request that you remain in your car until it is your turn to enter the building.

## Carver Elementary School

Your child's classroom teacher will continue to be your first point of contact for any questions you may have. Please be patient with yourselves, your student(s), and our teachers during this time as it is a new adventure for all of us. You can expect to hear from your child's teacher during the week of Monday, March 30th regarding the following:

- Their availability to respond to questions and concerns
- 4 assignments/activities for students to complete
- 1 class/grade level face-to-face communication opportunity (that will either be live or recorded).

We understand that Carver Elementary School students may have some important items at the school and we have arranged the following schedule by the last name of your child on **Monday, April 6, 2020**.

**A - E:** 8:00 - 9:00a    **F - I:** 9:30 - 10:30a    **J - M:** 11:00a. - 12:00p    **N - R:** 12:30-1:30p    **S - Z:** 2:00 - 3:00p

Students may come to pick up any essential items only from their lockers or cubbies and our 3rd grade students should plan to pick up their recorders at this time as well. Students and their Parent/Guardian will be directed to one of the two front door entrances upon arrival. If you have children with different last names, please pick one of the time slots that works best. If this date does not work for you, please email Mrs. Maestas at [maestasr@carver.org](mailto:maestasr@carver.org).