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Dear Quincy Public Schools Parents and Guardians,

As we get close to the end of the first week of school closure for the COVID-19 health crisis, I wanted to update you on a few issues.

- We have had a busy week here at the Coddington Building as Quincy Public Schools has launched online educational resources to assist students in maintaining academic continuity. Our Curriculum and Information Technology staff have assisted almost 1,000 Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 students in accessing Google Classroom. If you need assistance with Google Classroom, please request it here: [https://fs30.formsite.com/lauraowens/cqbdw1ah6t/index.html](https://fs30.formsite.com/lauraowens/cqbdw1ah6t/index.html). Academic Continuity packets for each high school are also posted with Pre-K through Grade 8 links on the QPS website at [www.quincypublicschools.com](http://www.quincypublicschools.com).

- Please note that for all grades, these enrichment opportunities are being provided in an effort to keep students engaged in learning during this break in their formal education. Accessing this enrichment is voluntary and will not be graded or assessed. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has not approved online teaching and learning as a means of curriculum delivery.

- The School Nutrition Department will be distributing lunch and breakfast (for the next day) at four school sites from 11:00 am to noon each day (Lincoln Hancock Community School, North Quincy High School, Quincy High School, Snug Harbor Community School). Paper copies of the enrichment materials are also available at these food distribution sites.

- The last day of school for students is now scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 and this will not change even if there are additional days of school closure. There are many important questions around report cards, grading, and end of year activities which cannot be answered until a date for re-opening schools is confirmed.

As soon as I have any additional information and guidance, I will share it with you. Thank you for your patience and I wish you and your family the best.

Sincerely,

Richard DeCristofaro, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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