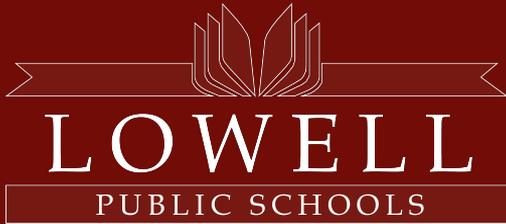


Lowell Public Schools

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

March 18, 2020

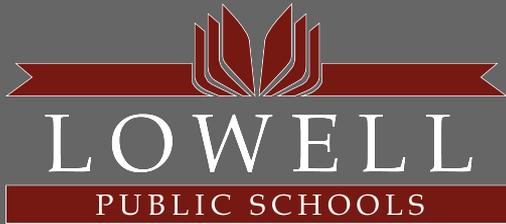




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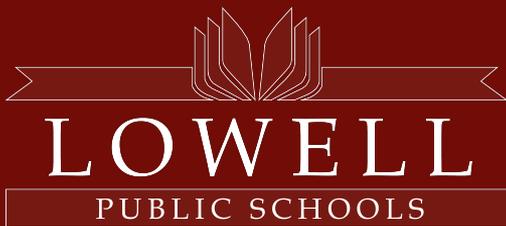
- The Lowell Public Schools has been following the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation closely since the beginning of March.
- The district has taken part in conference calls with DPH and DESE, and has been in regular communication with Lowell Health Department.
- Prior to closing, the district kept families and staff informed with COVID-19 email updates sent on March 3, 5 and 11. There were also additional updates shared on social media and on the district website.



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- On Sunday evening, Governor Baker declared all schools in the state would be closed for 3 weeks. The district had already announced on Friday (3/13) that all schools would be closed for 2 weeks; now all schools will be closed for at least 3 weeks.
- Prior to this closure, the district canceled all out-of-state domestic school-related travel and all school-organized international trips for student groups, following the recommendations of Governor Baker and DESE.



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## COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS

- Connect Ed – messages sent out to entire student/ family population
  - Emails
  - Phone Calls
- Website
  - Built COVID-19 info page on the district home page. This page is updated with the latest information and is accessible from all websites throughout the district.
- Social Media
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Instagram
- Emails to staff
- Translation of key messages in multiple languages



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- STILL PROVIDING LUNCH
  - The district continues to provide lunch for students during the weekdays at nine sites while schools are closed: Bartlett, Butler, Greenhalge, Lincoln, Moody, Murkland, Pawtucketville, Robinson, and STEM (Rogers).
    - All students ages 2-18 are eligible for lunch.
    - Given the circumstances, students are not required to be present to pick up meals. Parents or neighbors can pick up meals for students.
    - Students/families are only able to take one day of food at a time.

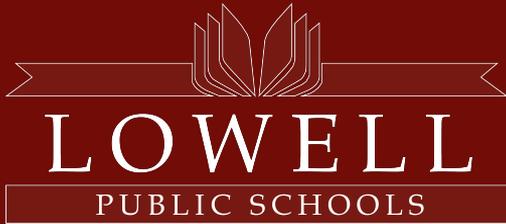


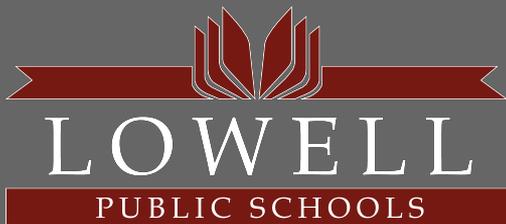
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### INSTRUCTION

- The district is not offering remote learning during this time.
- The district will be providing enrichment activities and resources on the website for each grade level.





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- **CENTRAL OFFICE & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:**
- The Central Office and FRC were both open on Monday, with a reduced number of essential staff reporting.
- As of Tuesday, both locations are closing, with all staff working remotely.
- While schools are closed and central office departments are working remotely, families can still access both offices via phone:
  - Central Office - 978-674-4320
  - Family Resource Center - 978-674-4321



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- **REGISTRATION DELAYED:** School registration for preschool was scheduled to start on March 16, and registration for kindergarten was scheduled to start on March 30. The district is delaying both registration periods and will provide you with more details once new dates are finalized.
- **KNOWLEDGE BOWL FINALS DELAYED:** The Knowledge Bowl Finals were scheduled on March 16 and have been postponed. The district will announce once a new date has been set.

