March 14, 2020

Dear Families and Community,

Thank you for your support as we navigate through this unprecedented situation. The safety of our students and staff is always our priority and we are exploring every option to provide for the well-being of our school community.

We recognize that our families may have many questions. We appreciate your patience as we work through the complexity of this situation. You have my assurance that we will continue to update you as information becomes available.

In the meantime, I encourage our families to focus on caring for the health and comfort of their students who may be adjusting to their new situation. We care deeply about you and your child. We are in this together and we will make this work as a team.

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH – SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK:

To that end, Hazel Park Schools Food Service Department is extending our free breakfast and lunch services to our students seven days a week beginning March 16 through Wednesday, April 6th. A bagged lunch and breakfast (for the next day) will be available for pick up outside near the front of three locations: Hazel Park High School, United Oaks Elementary and Webb Elementary. Pick up times will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Friday, the person picking up the meals will have the option of picking up three meals for each student to accommodate weekend meals.

OTHER FOOD RESOURCES:

Lighthouse
Oak Park Community Center
14300 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park

Place food order request between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday at: 248-920-6000 ext. 2. Or submit online at www. https://lighthousemi.org/emergency-food-needs. Food boxes will be packed and labeled with your name for quick pick-up to limit exposure to others.
For those in immediate need of nonperishable food, please email or call Lisa Chrouch-Johnson at lisa.chrouch-johnson@hazelparkschools.org or 248-658-5525. She will help to facilitate.

The county has established the Oakland County Help Hotline to address the needs of residents who may need food or housing assistance during this time. That number – 248-858-1000—will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

INTERNET ACCESS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING:

Hazel Park Schools are investigating distance learning and enrichment opportunities for our students during the closure of all schools. We are asking our families and students to assist us by assessing your household’s ability to access online content. Please take this quick survey so we can support our families.

Finally, we have received many generous offers from our own families to assist in helping one another through this uncertain time. We are working to connect people with opportunities and anticipate having more information and additional resources to share next week. On a personal note, this is what makes Hazel Park such a great place to live and learn. We never fail to come together as a community, truly embracing #WeAreHazelPark.

With Students In Mind,

Dr. Amy Kruppe
Superintendent