



Granby Public Schools

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Good Evening Families,

This week presented many challenges to our Granby community. I want to first, take a moment to say thank you for your patience. Our decision to close school was made with the utmost concern for the safety and health of our students, our staff, our families, and our community. I cannot understate the gratitude I have for each of you as we move through this extended closure. The disruption to our routines, the challenges we face balancing work, childcare, and family obligations and the unknowns we are facing in this challenging time are unprecedented. As I stated in my letter this morning, our children need to know they are safe, that those that they care about are safe, and that we are working to keep them safe.

Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th, schools will be closed and no work will be assigned to students. On these days, staff will be working to develop extended “blizzard bag” assignments for students. Our goal with these assignments will be to extend learning experiences and keep students in the learning mindset. Like “blizzard bag days”, students will have access to assignments in the same platform teachers have provided assignments in the past. For our youngest students, we are working on the details of how to distribute assignments and resources to families. We will address this in future correspondences. Teachers will communicate with students and families when they will be available each day to answer questions and provide clarifications. Teachers will also provide feedback on assignments. Unlike “blizzard bag days”, students will not have attendance requirements associated with completing assignments. These assignments will begin on Wednesday, March 18th and continue tentatively through Friday, March 27th.

We are also working to identify families who may need additional support and potential devices such as Chromebooks to complete online assignments. If you have not completed the family survey, please do so as soon as possible. Here is the link!
<https://forms.gle/HtRshZmFs5M9vVZd8>

Every Student Every Classroom Every Day

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Mission We believe that relationships matter. We believe in the promise of every child, in the purpose every child brings to learning, and in the passion every child possesses. We believe that learning is about the growth of all aspects of the child - social, emotional, physical, and intellectual.

The Granby Public Schools strives to provide a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment in which all students can thrive and succeed in its schools. The Granby Public Schools prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness and ensures that all students have equal rights of access and equal enjoyment of the opportunities, advantages, privileges, and courses of study.

If you are in need of support to access the internet and/or a device in order for your child to complete assignments, please contact your building principal as soon as possible. We are working to adjust our network infrastructure to allow for district owned devices to meet the federal criteria for use outside our schools.

We are also working with Chartwells and Granby to Go to establish ways to ensure food instability does not affect our families during this closure. We will update with you with details regarding accessing food in the coming correspondences.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding as we prepare for learning during this extended closure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your building administrator or to the superintendent's office.

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