



ENGAGING AND CHALLENGING ALL STUDENTS

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Ellsworth School Department Students, Community Members, and Members of the Local Business Community:

As mentioned in yesterday's update on the COVID-19 Virus situation, a significant number of parents, citizens, and local business owners have reached out to us offering to support efforts to provide food for families of our students. We are truly blessed to have such a generous, caring, and compassionate community that is able and willing to help others.

This update is to provide information on what types of foods are needed and the process by which those who wish to donate may do so.

We are seeking shelf-stable foods that do not need to be refrigerated and are easy to prepare. Examples include:

- Small cans of ready to use, flip-top soup. Popular varieties are Tomato, Chicken & Rice, Chicken Noodle, stews and chowders (no seafood)
- Peanut Butter or Sun Butter
- Small Jars of Jelly
- Canned Tuna, Chicken, and Ham
- Spaghetti Sauce, both with meat and meatless
- Pasta – spaghetti and elbows
- Baked Beans
- Mayonnaise
- Rice
- Instant Potato
- Canned vegetables

We will begin accepting donations Wednesday March 25. Donations may be dropped off at the EEMS loading dock between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Please call 667-6241 at extension 2187 before dropping off donations so we will have staff available to receive the donation. We ask that you enter the EEMS property by the Pond Avenue entrance and proceed to the loading dock. To ensure we follow social distancing practices, we ask that you unload donations onto the dock and then return to your vehicle and depart the property via the Shore Road. At that time our staff will take the products into the school. If

there is another vehicle at the dock dropping off donations, please wait until they have departed before you approach the dock.

Beginning March 30, we will accept donations following the schedule and procedures listed above on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If you are not able to drop off on the days or times listed, please contact us at 667-6241 at extension 2187 or at the main office, option 2

I wish to reiterate the expression of appreciation to the amazing care, compassion, and generosity of our local community members and the willingness to unite and collaborate in supporting each other through this very difficult time.

Warmest regards,

Daniel A. Higgins
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