



# Ipswich Public Schools

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Good Evening,

I hope that everyone is finding some peace and quiet in the midst of these trying times. I want to provide you an update regarding our school closures:

1. Just a few minutes ago, Governor Charlie Baker mandated that all schools be closed for a period of three weeks (until April 7). At that time, we will reassess the situation.
2. Parents may access the schools tomorrow between 9 and 3 to gather any belongings that students may need in the coming weeks (books, water bottles, musical instruments, etc.) The School Nurses or an administrator will also be available to return any prescription medications the school keeps on hand for your child. Students will be allowed to check out books from the school libraries for the three week period.
3. There is a meeting tomorrow morning at which time administrators and teacher representatives will discuss what "education" will look like for the next three weeks. Please refrain from contacting your child's teachers directly at this time.
4. We are formulating a plan to continue our breakfast and lunch programs with "grab and go" drop off points at the Winthrop School, Rosewood Drive and Southern Heights for students who need it. More information on this will be forthcoming tomorrow. We anticipate this program starting on Tuesday, March 17, 2019.
5. We kindly ask that you all follow the CDC guidelines, especially regarding social distancing and hand washing.

Stay tuned for additional information tomorrow and be safe. Together we will all see this through.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian J. Blake

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