March 25, 2020

Hello Match families,

I hope you and your family are well as our world continues to navigate through these challenging times. I am writing to update you on our school closure timeline. Today Governor Charlie Baker extended the school closure timeline for all Massachusetts schools to May 4th. As such, all Match campuses will now be closed through Friday, May 1st and will reopen on Monday, May 4th. The situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to evolve rapidly, and as such, we will continue to monitor the crisis and follow the guidance set forth by the Governor. If there are any changes to the current reopening date of May 4th, we will be sure to communicate those changes in a timely manner.

Last week we launched our remote learning plan across all grades, and we cannot thank you enough for your support of this plan. We recognize that families are balancing a lot during this time, and your partnership in helping students to remain engaged in learning is critical. We hope that you and your child have used the last eight days to settle into a routine that will help set you up for success during this long-term closure. If you need help supporting your child’s remote learning, please never hesitate to reach out to teachers and school leaders.

During the school closure, we will continue to provide shelf stable meals for families. These meals will be distributed at the Match Middle School Campus (215 Forest Hills Street, Jamaica Plain) between 11:00am-1:00pm. Starting Monday March 30th, in order to promote the Governor’s stay-at-home advisory, meals will only be distributed on Mondays and Wednesdays. Families will be able to pick up multiple days’ worth of meals at a time. These meals are non-perishable and, for the sake of safety, will be picked up in a grab-and-go manner.

As this situation continues to evolve rapidly, we will continue to communicate with families. You can expect to receive campus-specific messages from the principal of your child’s school and direct communication from teachers and staff. We also encourage you to visit our COVID-19 resource page as a one-stop destination for Match communications and additional community and educational resources.

We are grateful for your continued partnership during what is such an unprecedented time in our world. We urge you to follow public health guidance as you take care of your families. This is a
difficult time, and we will get through this, together. Please reach out to any member of our staff if there is anything we can help you with. We are in this together, as one Match community.

Sincerely,

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