Dear Match families,

We hope that this email finds you and your family healthy and persevering through these difficult times. We know that you are juggling many demands during this time, and we continue to appreciate your partnership with us in the education of your child. With the government’s announcement to extend the school closure through the end of the academic year, we know that our partnership with you needs to be even stronger than it has been during the past seven weeks.

When we embarked on this remote learning journey, our number one goal in our plan was to maintain the sense of community and connection we believe is at the heart of our school. This remains true. During the remainder of the school year, our staff will continue to prioritize maintaining regular communication with you and your child, as well as supporting their learning of both old and new content. With the extension of the school closure, it is very important that students engage in remote learning daily, so they are able to finish the school year strong with the skills necessary for the start of the upcoming school year. To that end, we’ve extended quarter 3 for the rest of the year (there will be no quarter 4 this school year), and you can expect teachers to require students to complete and make up all essential graded work. The completion of such work will help us better assess what content your child has mastered and in what areas we need to better support their learning. During the week of May 18th, you can expect to receive an update on the status of your child’s assignment completion from their teacher. Before then, please know you can always reach out to teachers and admin with any questions you may have regarding your child’s academic progress. Additionally, if you have a child with an IEP, please read this letter from the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education to learn more about support for your child during the school closure.

In addition to supporting students and families through remote learning, Match is also committed to helping families find the additional resources they may need during this time. We continue to update our Match COVID-19 resource page and encourage you to check that page for resources across Greater Boston. In particular, you will find resources for acquiring additional food for your family during this time.

Additionally, we’d like to make families aware of the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT). Under the The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, states are allowed to issue benefits to families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals and who would have received them if not for the school closures associated with COVID-19. Families of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals will receive a benefit of $199.50 to cover the months of March and April. The value of the benefit is equal to the cost of the Federal reimbursement for school breakfast, lunch, snack and special milk at the free rate, as specified by USDA. Students that are current clients of DTA will have the benefits added to their existing
EBT card while students who are not current DTA clients will have a pre-loaded EBT card mailed to them. The first round of benefits will be sent out in the coming weeks, with possible additional rounds of benefits due to the extension of the closure.

We cannot thank you enough for all you’ve been doing at home to support your child’s learning. We know many of you are wearing so many hats because of this school closure. We see you and appreciate all of your efforts to make remote learning successful within our community.

As we plan for remote learning to extend through the remainder of the school year, we need your feedback so that we’re able to strengthen our programming for your child. We’re asking each household to complete this survey to help us learn what’s working and what we can improve. Please complete the survey by Friday May 8th. If you have multiple children at Match, you only need to complete the survey once.

We’re in this together. And we will rise from this challenging time together. While our buildings are closed and we are practicing physical distancing, we are still connected. Our school is not defined by the walls of a building, but rather by the strength and heart of our community. It is that powerful combination of strength and love that allows us to thrive in the face of difficulty and uncertainty, and to have hope for what’s to come.

Stay healthy and well,

Nnenna Ude
Executive Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS & LOGISTICS

Video Announcement from Ms. Johnson & A Surprise Guest

We have some exciting news to share about the Match High School leadership team for next year.

Please take a look at this short video to find out more.

College & Career Team Announcements

1. The College & Career team will be conducting an "off 2 college series" for seniors and their families! Students will receive up to date information on the steps they need to complete in order to become a full time college-credit bearing student! Here is the link to join every Wednesday at 3pm!

2. The C&C team, in tandem with the ELA department, will be delivering a "college and career" series for juniors. By the end of the unit, 11th grade students will produce a college essay, secure letters of recommendation, and conduct college research. All
materials will be on the ELA google classroom and a presentation on Tuesdays at 3PM via this zoom link!

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**Message from Match High School’s Mental Health Team**

May is Mental Health Month! The Mental Health Team will be providing resources and information throughout the month to promote the wellbeing of our community. Please check out the resources below.

- Parent Resource
- Student Resource

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**Reminder: Weekly Resource Guides**

Thank you for continuing to use these resources to help our students stay up-to-date on remote learning assignments.

**Grade 12 Courses**

- Grade 12 Assignments
- Grade 12 Contact Information

**Grade 11 Courses**

- Grade 11 Assignments
- Grade 11 Contact Information

**Grade 10 Courses**

- Grade 10 Weekly Remote Work Guide

**Grade 9 Courses**

- Grade 9 Weekly Remote Work Guide

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**This Week’s Survey**

**Parents & Guardians:** Please see above (in Ms. Ude’s note) for this week’s survey! Also linked here.
Our COVID-19 family resource webpage can be found here.

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