

Dear Nerstrand School Families,

Thank you families for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. The Nerstrand teachers and hourly staff have been just incredible as we respond to the fast-changing responses to this global pandemic health crisis.

**Child care for emergency and health care workers.**

This childcare is available for Nerstrand School families of healthcare workers and other emergency providers ONLY regardless of whether they have used Regal Eagles after School Care school-age care services in the past. **If you are in need of childcare please call or email Maggie and Barb about this.** Should school closings extend beyond spring break, we will communicate child care provision options to qualifying families.

**Food distribution for students in need**

Food distribution is being done from 7-9am each school day. A breakfast and lunch is provided for any school age children under age 18 that attend school. There are 5 locations to pick up meals: **Nerstrand School, Buckham Library, Evergreen Estates, Cannon River Mobile Park and Four Seasons Apartments**

**Distance learning (e-Learning) planning**

The earliest any distance learning will start at Nerstrand School is March 30, 2020. We are busy working on this plan already and teachers will be meeting throughout the next week to finalize our plan and communicate with families and children about how it will be delivered should it be needed. Emails from teachers will explain more. If your child receives Special Education services, there will be communication coming from each case manager as we develop this plan. We are committed to developing a plan that equitably meets every child's needs.

**Our own mental health.**

I'm creating more space to read books and have conversation with important people in my life - clearly a good thing. This is, of course, a stressful time for all of us. We are in an unprecedented situation. I hope your family is coping with this stress. I hope that you reach out to us for help. Our staff is being used in much more creative ways, including being able to give families recommendations on getting wifi, and local agencies that can be of service at this time.

Again, thank you for your patience, understanding, support, and forgiveness during this global pandemic health crisis. I am grateful, at this time and at all times, to be part of the Nerstrand School community.

Sincerely,

Maggie

