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Hello Richmond Families,

This is not our traditional weekly newsletter format, but I simply couldn't let Friday go by without an update. I would like to begin with a shout out to the amazing staff members who have been working so hard this past week. Tracey Bullett is working hard to ensure the building is clean, Tammy and the kitchen staff are providing meals, Mrs. Lenfest is staying in touch with the medical professionals, and teachers continue to work on enriching learning activities. A huge thank you to Mrs. Zigmand who continually updates our website each day. I am so proud to be a member of the RCS community.

#### **Lunches**

A reminder that Tammy and the kitchen staff are providing "grab and go" lunch each day Monday through Friday. You can drive behind the school between 9:00-10:00 and go to the kitchen area where someone will meet you at the door. Please call 698-2207 ext 124 or email Tammy at [tjervas@richmondconsolidated.org](mailto:tjervas@richmondconsolidated.org) the night before so that she knows how many lunches to make.

#### **Learning Plans**

A few folks have reached out, requesting more formalized learning plans for the students. At this point the Commissioner has asked that we do exactly what we are doing which is to provide enrichment learning activities. Having said that, information is changing rapidly, and between the time I hit "send" and you open this, we could have new guidelines to follow. I promise that our staff will do whatever we can to ensure learning continues and I promise to keep you informed as I know more.

#### **Report Cards**

As you know, report cards were supposed to go home this week. Teachers have worked hard to complete them, but we cannot get in the building to print them. If we find a way to print and mail them, we will. If not, we will be sure to send them home when we return to school. We are scheduled to return on April 7, unless the Commissioner tells us otherwise.

#### **MCAS**

Many folks have reached out to let me know President Trump stated that there will be no standardized testing this year. It is my understanding that this is not a done deal for Massachusetts. The state needs to apply for a waiver and we then need confirmation from DESE. Dr. Dillon is looking into it and will share what he learns with me so that I can share with you. ***Again, we don't have confirmation that this is true.***

#### **Calendar**

A few of you have asked if RCS has set the calendar for 2020-2021. I hope to have one to share next week. As always, I will keep you informed.

#### **Communication:**

Please continue to visit our website [richmondconsolidated.org](http://richmondconsolidated.org) and to check your email daily. We are working hard to keep everyone informed but not overwhelmed. As always, send us any questions you may have and we will do our best to answer you. Most importantly stay healthy.

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