



GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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A Summary of the Week (March 14–March 20) for Parents/Guardians

While we are all facing challenges to our daily routines due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm proud of the work being done by all of our staff to help students and parents stay connected to the schools and in providing educational enrichment activities, meals, and social-emotional support. As a community, we are exceeding the current guidelines of the state and federal leadership, and that is due to our staff continuing their jobs in an outstanding manner, our parents and students being patient and understanding as we work through the many unknowns in this new environment, and our ability to deal with change in a rational manner. Please use the following information to reach out for help whenever needed, follow CDC guidelines for health and wellness, and support each other as much as possible through methods that don't require physical contact. As part of our commitment to families and our towns, we will be connecting with you weekly using the format of this issue of the "Summary of the Week".

—*David B. Hopson, GRSD Superintendent of Schools*

Information we've sent out—[also available here at: grsd.org/Content2/covid19](https://grsd.org/Content2/covid19):

- [Meal Program Update](#): All students are now eligible for free pickup meals from Gateway.
- [At-home Technology / Chromebook Guidance](#): Student use is secure, encouraged, and monitored.
- [Update on School Closing](#): All MA schools closed through April 7, our last day will be June 17.
- [Pupil Services](#): Resources are still available for students who may need extra support.
- [MS/HS Enrichment Work & Grades](#): Assignments are now available & PowerSchool Parent Portal.

What to do:

- **Monitor** regularly whichever of Gateway's communication methods is most convenient for you, the same information will be sent out using all methods.
- **Support** your student by encouraging them to stay engaged in their school enrichment assignments, socially connected to their friends and other support systems, and stay calm.
- **Reach out** to the school via any of the above-mentioned communication methods if you have questions, concerns, or additional needs that are not being met.

Who to contact & how, if you need to:

- **Teachers**: contact your student's teacher directly via email, [directory available here](#)
- **Pupil Services**: Kurt Garivaltis, Director of Pupil Services: kgarivaltis@grsd.org (413) 685-1017
- **School-based health staff**: Jodi Cabral-Croke, Nurse Leader: jcabral-croke@grsd.org (413) 685-1203
- **Food services**: Tasha Hartley, Food Service Director: thartley@grsd.org (413) 685-1005
- **Communications**: Jeanne LeClair, Communications Director: jleclair@grsd.org (413) 685-1003
- **Administration**: Stacy Stewart, Administrative Assistant: sstewart@grsd.org (413) 685-1011

Other information on health:

- [10 Ways to Manage Your Health at Home](#) from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
- [Mass.gov Daily Updates on COVID-19](#) from the MA Department of Public Health
- [CDC Guide on How to Protect Yourself from the Coronavirus](#)