



March 13, 2020

Dear Excel Families,

We are so grateful to be in community with you, and we are so proud of how your children are managing a very challenging time. We also are trying to ensure we can continue to provide support during the extended closure in front of us.

In that spirit, we are sharing information about two key areas of support:

Academic Support for Students

All students have received assignments to complete during school closure. For High School students, assignments are being provided via Google Classroom. Middle School students received paper assignment packets on Friday, March 13th. If your child was not present in school that day, your packet is in the mail.

Teachers will be available for student and family questions from 12- 2 PM daily, Monday through Friday. Your child can call or email his/her teacher to ask for support.

All advisors will be reaching out to contact families or students at least once per week to check in on how they are doing. You should feel free to contact your child's advisor if you have any questions.

Meal Delivery:

During our school closure, Excel Academy Charter School will continue to serve breakfast and lunch to our students. We will have two central hubs where we will distribute food:

If you live in **Boston or surrounding neighborhoods**, please pick up your meals from this location:

- Hub 1: **Excel Academy High School | 401 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA 02128**

If you live in **Chelsea or surrounding neighborhoods (Revere, Everett, Lynn)**, please pick up your meals from this location:

- Hub 2: **Excel Academy Chelsea | 180 2nd Street, Chelsea, MA 02150**



We will have three 30-minute pick up windows when you can pick up your child's breakfast and lunch. **Your child must be present when picking up the meal to receive his/her breakfast and lunch.** Pick up windows will be based on your last name. Please see below:

- Last names **A – I** pick up from 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Last names **J – Q** pick up from 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
- Last names **R – Z** pick up from 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

If you can't pick up your child's meal, please text "EXCEL" to 617-466-9384 and we will follow up with you for your delivery logistics. Please be vigilant of our phone call to schedule your meal.

For questions please contact Rita Andrade or Estevan Puerta at 617-970-5355 (both of whom speak both English and Spanish).

Internet Access:

Additionally, we are sharing this internet resource below for families:

Effective Monday, March 16th, 2020, Comcast is offering 60 days of free Internet Essentials to new low-income customers and is increasing Internet Essentials speed for all customers in response to recent and anticipated emergency measures associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19). For more details visit: <https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/internet-essentials-low-income-broadband-coronavirus-pandemic>

We will continue to provide updates in the coming days as we learn more about how best to provide support during a very challenging time. For now, please stay safe and healthy.

Thank you as always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Owen".

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CEO

Excel Academy Charter Schools