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School Closure Update 3/20/2020

Dear Gordon Russell Community,

We hope this email finds you in good health. We are experiencing a very unique time and things are changing rapidly. Like many of you are experiencing, the news comes fast and many decisions are made that are out of our control. This means that we don't have answers to all of our questions at this time. The situation is challenging because it is new and different from what we have experienced before. What we do know, is that we will follow the guidelines and decisions made by our government officials in an attempt to minimize risk, and to maximize the health and safety of our students and our community. This means, in part, that our school will remain closed until April 28th.

We understand that there are many questions the [recent Executive Order from Governor Brown](#) has raised. We have many questions here at school as well. In the coming weeks, we will be working to answer your questions and to find an effective way to make the best of our current situation. At this point, it is important that we all have patience with the process, and remember that we have your child's best interest at heart. Uncertain times require us to be flexible, open to new ideas, and supportive of each other.

As we work to develop an educational plan in response to Governor Brown's announcement earlier this week, [the district has posted educational resources online](#) for students and families wishing to bring some structure to their day. These resources also provide students the opportunity to review and enrich their academic skills over the coming weeks. There will also be printed resources available at the school site during meal pick up times.

Gordon Russell and other school sites will be providing meals to children under 18. Please check the [district website](#) for times and locations. Delivery routes are also posted on that site.

We love the community here at Gordon Russell, and we know we will find our way through this together.

In the meantime, enjoy your family. This is your opportunity to connect with your families and loved ones (even if you have to do it virtually). Please reach out to the school at hayden5@gresham.k12.or.us if you are in need, we are here to support you.

Best Regards,

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GBSD resources can be found at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/gresham.k12.or.us/gbsdhomelearningresources/home?authuser=0>

Executive Order from Governor Brown can be found at the following link:

https://mailchi.mp/oregon/news-releasegovernor-kate-brown-extends-statewide-school-closure-until-april-28-publishes-full-executive-orders?e=37f2e9bb9d&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

GBSD Meal Locations and Routes

<https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=9003>