



Our **vision** is to provide high-quality educational opportunities that inspire a community of learners

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Our **mission** is to develop engaged, well-balanced learners through collaborative, caring relationships

Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee

March 19, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Instructions for Participation

For Committee Members:

- 2 Options to ask questions
 - 1st Option:
 - Open participant dialog box at bottom of screen
 - Use “raise hand” option
 - Wait until chair recognizes you
 - 2nd Option:
 - Actually raise your real hand
 - Wait until chair recognizes you

Instructions for Participation

For the Public:

- 2 Options to ask questions/ provide comment
 - 1st Option:
 - Use “raise hand” option at bottom of screen
 - Wait until chair recognizes you
 - 2nd Option:
 - Use the Q&A option at bottom of screen

Please remember that public speak is for items not appearing on the agenda. For items that do appear on the agenda, please wait until there is a discussion of the agenda item.

School Closure Update

Anonymous 18h

At Home

This virus is honestly irritating.
I'm sitting down with the snacks
I'm eating.
Staring at my cat,
While he is on the mat.
Sitting here with the music I'm
listening.
(sorry I'm not good with poetry)

♥ 0

Add comment

Anonymous 18h

Home

Here I am just sitting at home
The day passes by as I let my
mind roam
With all this free time
I ponder some rhymes
While I understand this situation
as it is known

♥ 0

Add comment

Anonymous 2d

Coronacation

Last week I just wanted school to
end
But now I would rather be there
with my friends
I can't find anything to do
and I'm bored out of my mind too
I hope the craziness of the
Corona Virus will quickly
descend.

♥ 1

Add comment

Anonymous 2d

Covid-19

Dear virus called covid nineteen
Why can't you just have a
vaccine?
Then all this could end
And I could see my friends
'Cuz I'm starting to become a
grumpy teen

♥ 1

Add comment

School Closure Update



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School Closure

- Schools Closed Through April 3 - Reopen April 6
- Per DESE - Schools will go no later than 185th Scheduled Day

	End Date
180th Day (Original)	June 16
+ 3 Snow Days (December)	June 19
+ 2 days (Current Closure)	June 23 (Final Date)

Food Service

- Bagged lunches - 11:30 - 1:00 daily at high school
- Starting Monday bagged lunches will be delivered to those who are unable to pick them up. Families can sign up at abqualifiedlunch@neighborbrigade.org or (866) 896-3599. Acton-Boxborough Neighbor Brigade is coordinating requests and volunteers.
- Open Table in Maynard has bags of groceries available for pickup; Community Supper served meals today and tomorrow.
- THANK YOU to our community partners and food services staff!

Staffing During Closure

- Virtual Work Environment with few exceptions:
 - Facilities - Cleaning, Disinfecting, Security
 - Food Services - Prepare bagged lunches
 - Ed Tech/ Payroll - As needed for support only
- Leadership - Daily Virtual Meetings
 - Central Office
 - Central Office + Principals
- School-based
 - Virtual Meetings whenever possible

	Thursday, 3/19
10am to 10:20am	7 Green
10:30am to 10:50am	Special Education w/Debbie
11:00am to 11:20am	Special Education w/Debbie
11:30am to 11:50am	ASC/ELL/Reading
12:30pm to 12:50pm	8 GREEN
1:00pm to 1:30pm	COUNSELING

Sample JHS Video Conf. Schedule for one day

Staff Pay

Certified Staff

- Paid during closure
- Not working 3/20, 3/27 to allow for additional 2 make-up days (6/22, 6/23)

Expectations:

- Connect with students (daily preferred)
- Special Education Meetings
- Virtual Grade-level, team meetings
- Check emails throughout day

Hourly Staff

- Paid during closure
- Pre-paying for final two days of year (6/22, 6/23) during closure
- Fits within budget

Opportunities:

- Looking for Professional Learning Opportunities
- Considering ways non-certified staff may connect with students/assist teachers as well

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Educational Goals During Closure

Goals Based on Guidance from DESE:

- Social-Emotional Connection
- Enrichment

If schools were to exceed these guidelines, we would need to ensure we are able to provide FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) for all students with disabilities

Additional considerations: Access for English Learners, Students who do not have access to technology, wifi or adequate support at home

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Standardized Assessments

MCAS:

- Grade 10 ELA - Postponed - TBD
- Grades 3-8 ELA - Delayed - TBD
- Grades 3-8 Math, STE - Window 4/27 - 5/22 - more to follow

AP:

- Additional info expected 3/20
- College Board currently developing resources
- Possibility of testing at home

SAT:

- Next testing dates 5/2, 6/6
- Commitment to flexibility

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Facilities

- All Buildings will be cleaned/ disinfected by Friday 3/20
 - All hard surfaces: Desks, Counters
 - High-touch areas: restrooms, railings, doorknobs, light switches
- Building Security
 - Rotating shifts to ensure proper distancing measures
- Minimal Capital Work
 - HS Cafeteria Flooring
 - Blanchard HVAC

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Building Project

- Building Project continues as planned
- All meetings conducted virtually
 - Staff meetings
 - Building Committee Meetings
- Possible consideration - availability of Acton BOH to issue permit for geothermal test wells.

Financial Implications

- Revenue
 - No major implications at this time
 - Possible reimbursement for food services?
- Salaries
 - Continuing to pay employees regular compensation
 - Some savings possible in substitute and overtime budgets
- Expenses
 - Possible savings
 - Utilities, in-district special ed contracted svcs., supplies, conference registrations
 - Possible Expenses
 - Technology subscriptions/ Hardware

Financial Implications

- Revolving Accounts
 - Likely to be impacted:
 - Kindergarten
 - Pre-K
 - Food Svcs
 - Community Ed

Questions & Discussion

Waive one month tuition ADK & Pre-K

Students who are enrolled in tuition based All Day Kindergarten and Carol Huebner Early Childhood Center will not be attending school for at least 16 school days.

Recommendation: Reimburse families for one month's tuition.

	Total Amount of Tuition for One Month	Revolving Account Balance 6/30/2019
All Day Kindergarten	\$92,250	\$378,879
PreK	\$27,000	\$205,644

Possible Motion: "I move to waive tuition for the month of April for the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District's All Day Kindergarten tuition and the Carol Huebner Early Childhood Program Tuition."

Questions & Discussion

Kindergarten Registration and Lottery Update

Enrollment vs. Projection

2019-2020	Projection	Total Enrolled March	Additional Projected by Sept	Total Updated Projection	Over/ Under Projection
Acton and Boxborough	330	279	25	304	-26
Acton	256	225	20	245	-11
Boxborough	74	54	5	59	-15
Choice/Staff	4	9	0		
Total	334	288	25	313	-21

Kindergarten Sections

- Budgeted for 17 classrooms
- Planned for 3 in Boxborough and 14 in Acton
- Recommending 4 in Boxborough and 13 in Acton
 - Class sizes 18 -18.5
 - Move from 3 K's to 4 at Blanchard
 - Move from 2 K's to 3 at Conant
- Provides more space at Conant for future years

Kindergarten Enrollment 2020 3/19/2020

	Total 1st Choice	Priority Sibs/ walkers	New Families	Sections	Total Seats Available	Students not placed in 1 st Choice	Class Size	All Day Requests	1/2 day
Blanchard	81	66	40	4	70	11	17.5	6	15
Conant	41	19	25	2	36	5	18	35	5
Douglas	48	25	32	3	51		17	42	8
Gates	28	14	14	2	32		16	24	4
McT	35	22	18	3	48		16	29	5
Merriam	55	31	27	3	51	4	17	47	9
TOTALS	288*	174	156	17	288	20		242	46

*We expect to enroll 20-25 additional students

Lottery and All Day K

- Small Lotteries at Merriam and Conant (4-5 each)
- Larger Lottery at Blanchard - 11 Students
- 242 families selected All Day K (84%)
- 46 families selected Half Day K
- Will run one Half Day K at Blanchard
Hybrids at the other schools
- All families in the lottery will receive their choice of ADK
or Half Day K

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