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Dear GPS:

Here are the updates for today.

TOPIC	
Our Buildings are Closed to the Public	A reminder: With the exception of essential personnel, <u>all of our buildings are closed to the public.</u> Thank you.
Grab & Go Lunch	This service will continue tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31st, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, at GMS. Please follow the traffic pattern when you enter campus. We will continue this service next week and until further notice.
Atlantic Broadband Internet Offer	<p>To ensure that the public has access to the internet during the COVID-19 outbreak, particularly households with students, Atlantic Broadband, a local provider that serves homes in our school district, has introduced a new service, "Atlantic Broadband Internet Assist." The new service is available for a limited time to serviceable residents in Atlantic Broadband's operating area <u>who are in financial need and who do not presently have internet from Atlantic Broadband.</u></p> <p>To qualify, residents must be eligible for any of the following public assistance programs: the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Public Housing Assistance, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and/or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and</p>

	<p>Children (WIC). Customers will be required to provide proof of eligibility subject to the review and discretion of Atlantic Broadband.</p> <p>The 15/1 Mbps Internet Assist service, normally priced at \$9.99 per month plus taxes and fees, will be offered free for 60 days with free installation and a free modem. Those interested in the service should contact Atlantic Broadband at (888) 536-9600.</p> <p>For other services that might fit your needs, see additional offerings at Atlanticbb.com.</p>
<p>Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Support Services for Families</p>	<p>Please see the PDF-ed Flyer that went out with these updates!</p>
<p>Our Website</p>	<p>Please visit our website often, as we update the site with relevant information for students, families, and all community stakeholders. We have reformatted our School Closure Information & COVID-19 Resource Page. We hope you find the new format to be more user-friendly and helpful. Be sure to click on all tabs to access different information.</p>
<p>Will school be back in session next week?</p>	<p>No, school will not be in session next week and our schools will be closed until further notice.</p>
<p>Is April vacation still on?</p>	<p>Yes, April vacation is planned, as scheduled. To review, Friday, April 10th is Good Friday--there will be no school and our offices will be closed. April vacation is the week beginning Monday, April 13th - Friday, April 17th. School is not in "session" for this period, and our offices will have limited hours.</p>
<p>School Contact Information</p>	<p>Although our schools are currently closed to the public during this school closure period, we are very much available and willing to assist you. Know that our School Nurses are also here to help. Here are the points of contact:</p> <p>Griswold Elementary School Phone: 860-376-7610 Joe Bordeau, Principal: jbordeau@griswoldpublicschools.org Jackie Love, Assistant Principal: jlove@griswoldpublicschools.org Tonia Soper, School Nurse tsoper@griswoldpublicschools.org</p>

	<p>Griswold Middle School Phone: 860-376-7630 Glenn LaBossiere, Principal: glabossiere@griswoldpublicschools.org Louis Zubek, Assistant Principal: lzubek@griswoldpublicschools.org Renee Normandie, School Nurse rnormandie@griswoldpublicschools.org</p> <p>Griswold High School Phone 860-376-7640 Erin Palonen, Principal epalonen@griswoldpublicschools.org Marceline Macrino, Assistant Principal mmacrino@griswoldpublicschools.org Denise Tedeschi, School Nurse dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org</p>
<p>School Nurses</p>	<p>Our school nurses will be reaching out to families to schedule a visit to the buildings to retrieve medicine for students that the nurses were storing in their offices.</p>
<p>Technology</p>	<p>We have a limited number of chromebooks for students who do not have a device at home during this school closure period. If you are in need of a chromebook, we ask that you contact our Director of Technology, Jill Curioso at jcurioso@griswoldpublicschools.org.</p> <p>We have created a link from our homepage to streamline technology questions and concerns. We have also provided information about free "WiFi" on this site. You can access this site by clicking on this link.</p>

We thank you all for your continuous support through this very difficult period. We wish you and your families good health. Please let us know what we can do to help.

Sincerely yours,



Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools