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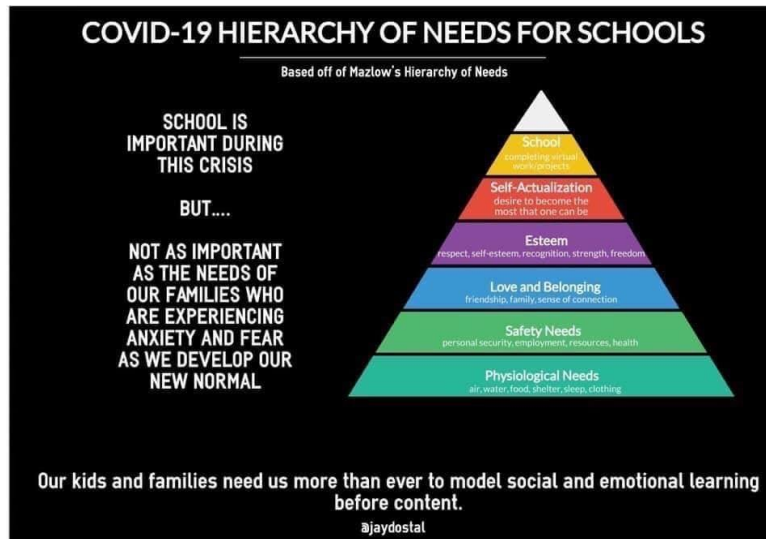


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## Remote Learning Update and Information April 10, 2020



Dear Epping School Community:

Today marks the end of four weeks of remote instruction for all schools in New Hampshire. Teachers, students, and parents were thrust into a new educational model with little time to plan. Kudos to our staff for their tireless efforts in making a shift to this model, reaching out to students and families, and for their passion to provide the best services possible to students under a very difficult set of circumstances.

The picture above outlines Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs with the addition of education at the top of the pyramid. This pyramid shows that unless all of the needs below education are met, children cannot possibly learn. We know that anxiety is at an all time high with children and adults. Education is important, however, mental and emotional wellbeing is essential.

The Epping School District is aware that many families are experiencing financial hardships due to Covid 19. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind all families that Free and Reduced applications are available on the district website (<https://www.sau14.org/>) as well as [mymealtime.com](http://mymealtime.com). Please feel free to apply for this program.

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Behind the scenes there are a lot of decisions that need to be made in the next few weeks. Quarter #3 will end on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. At the middle and high school levels, children will be graded using the current grading scale and grades will be posted in Power School. At the elementary school, remote family conferences will be held to discuss academic progress. In addition, feedback of some type will be posted on Power School for elementary students. Additional details will follow next week.

Please assist your children or reach out to teachers should your child or children need assistance with their work. In order to demonstrate that your child meets competency, he/she needs to complete the assigned work. Otherwise, the student will receive an IWS which means Insufficient Work Submitted. This means that the level of competence cannot be determined as there is no basis to make this determination.

Students and parents are wondering about spring events such as sports, prom, and graduation. If students return to school in early May, sport schedules will be altered to allow athletes to get in a few games by the end of the school year. If we continue with remote learning due to the Covid-19, the spring sports season will be cancelled.

The Junior Class Advisors are working to have a prom event sometime this summer. For the Class of 2020, we will have a graduation. The details will be forthcoming.

Next Thursday evening the Epping School Board will have a remote meeting. The Agenda will be posted next Monday. I hope to have more answers for the community at that meeting regarding if, and when the Epping students may return to school.

Stay home, stay safe and know we will all get to the other side of this unprecedented period in our history.

Respectfully,

*Valerie McKenney*

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Superintendent  
Epping School District

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