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Hello,

Our new reality, well at least today's reality, is sinking in and that the guidelines to wash hands, not touch our face, social distance of minimum of 6 feet and only going out for necessities are harder than we expected. Hopefully these measures combined with the orders to close schools and the many other institutions and services of our daily life will make a difference and allow us to return to school and normalcy sooner than later. At this time all we can do is our part. So let's do that Stoneham High School; do our part. Follow the directives to combat this virus and do your part to stay active and engaged in your self care and education.

The last week has certainly left us reeling, personally and professionally, about what is happening and how to move forward when so many things are still unresolved. As a school we are attempting to determine the best manner to provide continuity in our students' education with the reality that we can not re-create or replicate the support and learning that occurs daily in the school setting. At this time, with the current information that we have from DESE and the State Board of Health, we will be providing a weekly structure to encourage specific times for students to pursue, engage and support their learning through resource and enrichment opportunities provided by their classroom and department teachers, as well as time for students and teachers to connect through email, google classroom or other school approved web based format. The School counseling department is also providing web based office hours to best support our students. Please see the [Stoneham High School Academic Resource and Enrichments and Weekly Schedule](#) section links for more specific information. This section will also be published as a document link on our school website as well as in the Stoneham Public Schools K-12 resource document. Please continue to review the [Stoneham High School Academic Resource and Enrichments and Weekly Schedule](#) document and link as the resource and enrichment opportunities will be consistently reviewed and updated by teachers to best meet the needs of our students.

Besides the education and learning that occur in a high school setting there is also the extracurricular and "business" aspect. These are the things that fill our schedules and calendars, are tied into future planning, include testing, master scheduling, student transcripts and the list keeps going. These things also have different and unique meanings and experiences for students of each grade level. As with scheduled vacations and breaks, or the occasional snow day or two, a year calendar has been created to allow for time away from learning or unexpected, short term disruptions. Typically, we are able to seamlessly reschedule events and teachers can adjust lessons, instruction, assignments and assessments that allow for minimal disruption and support the overall continuity of internal operations as well as those tied in with external elements such as DESE, College Board, MIAA and higher education institutions. This situation of a three week, as of now, school closure brought on by the CoronaVirus is unprecedented and does not allow us to seamlessly reschedule or to easily resolve calendar and time oriented activities or benchmarks. Due to this there are more questions than we have answers to at this time. At the core of our decision making is equity and what is in the best interest for our students. We will communicate and share out answers and resolutions as quickly and effectively as possible as well as with information and decisions that are up to date, accurate and always in the best interest of our students. We appreciate your continued support and patience during this difficult time. I am convinced that the strength of our school community will weather this storm and that we will be even stronger when this resolves. Go Spartans, Spartan Strong!

### **Q3 grades and missed / owed / ongoing work**

The abruptness of the state ordered school closing combined with the current length of the closing has certainly caused a disruption in the process of educational delivery, support and assessment. There are no easy answers that come to mind from past experience or planning. This is new and something that will require much thought so as to ensure best outcomes and equity for all Stoneham High School students. We understand that this may bring about varying degrees of worry or anxiety. Every effort and decision that will be made will be in the best interest of each student. We will communicate a response and plan for Quarter 3 as soon as possible. In the short term we strongly encourage your student to actively engage in the provided weekly schedule and academic resource and enrichment opportunities.

### **MCAS**

**March Grade 10 ELA:** Cancelled, no further information provided from DESE at this time

**Spring Math and Science & Technology:** President cancelled, waiting on State level decision

### **AP**

Please see your AP teachers Google classroom or [HERE](#) for testing information and updates

### **District Communications**

[3/22/2020 \(Most Recent\) VIDEO](#)  
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### **Academic Resource and Enrichments**

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