



## Hudsonville Public Schools

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Dear Hudsonville Families,

Our team here in Hudsonville continues to meet (virtually) and work through the ever-changing information we are receiving from our local government. We cannot thank you enough for your patience, as we know you may have several questions.

Please share with others that Hudsonville Public Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch for ANY child aged 0-18 (or up to age 26, for young adults with special needs). Meals will be available on weekdays beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, through April 3, 2020. Meals will be offered at the following locations from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm:

- Hudsonville High School – 5037 32nd Ave, Hudsonville
- Riley Middle School – 2745 Riley Street, Hudsonville
- Baldwin Middle School – 3835 Baldwin Street, Hudsonville
- Alward Elementary School – 3811 Port Sheldon Street, Hudsonville

You may drive-up or walk to any site, simply grab and go. Breakfast will be available at the same time for those families who wish to take it home for future use. Please also note that a parent may pick up meals for children at home. The schools will actually still be closed, but the meals will be served in their parking lots. We may open up additional sites if needed, or alter locations based on demand.

We also heard from our Hand2Hand partners, and they will provide food bags for Hand2Hand students at Hudsonville Congregational Church (across the street from Hudsonville High School - 4950 32nd Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426) on Thursdays (3/19, 3/26, 4/2) from 10 am-12 pm or 6 pm-8 pm. All of the Hand2Hand church partners will be there to distribute to their current schools. Drive up and let a volunteer know what school your student attends. The volunteer will get your food and bring it to your car. This is the latest information, so if you heard differently earlier today, please follow the plan in this communication.

In addition to ensuring our families are fed, we also want to recognize the need to manage stress and anxiety. The gap in our regular daily routine, on top of the reality of the COVID-19 risk, can be overwhelming for any family. [Here is an article](#) from the CDC that provides some guidance and tips for talking to your children. Additionally, [here is a sample daily schedule](#) that your family may find useful to provide some structure in new daily routines.

As expected, so many of you have reached out asking how you can help our HPS students and community during this time. We have created a volunteer form that you can find on our website under “Important Links” within the [Update Center](#). In addition to collecting information on those willing to help families in our district, we also are providing you a link to United Way’s website for those looking for ways to help the broader Ottawa County region [HERE](#). The generosity of the Hudsonville Community is appreciated and we will be in touch with those of you looking to help further.

Finally, we would like to share some optional enrichment opportunities that you may use at home with your children. Our goal is to provide learning resources that do not add to anxiety or stress. Our attempt is not to replicate the learning that occurs in our classrooms. The intent is to provide opportunities for our students to participate in some structured learning activities each day that are engaging and yes, even fun. We believe the resources shared here will allow for some choices each day across multiple areas of interest and ability levels. Please email your child’s teacher or building principal if you are seeking individual recommendations for your child, should you wish.

- [PK-5 Optional Enrichment Opportunities](#)
- [6-12 Optional Enrichment Opportunities](#)

Again, we thank you for your patience as we do our best to keep you updated throughout this global pandemic. Please be safe and stay healthy.

Dr. VanderJagt

*The mission of Hudsonville Public Schools is to educate, challenge, and inspire all learners to become contributing, responsible members of a global society.*