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Dear RPS Community,

We have just a few quick updates for you today.

**Grab & go meals:** We love seeing all the students and families who have stopped by to pick up meals or met us at bus stops! Since we started this service on March 17, more than 6,300 meals have been served. We have also distributed 2,970 meal kits from The Sheridan Story. As long as schools are closed as part of the statewide shutdown, we will continue to provide these services to our community. Here are a few things to note:

- **Spring break:** We will continue to offer meals Monday-Thursday during spring break (Friday is a District holiday). On Thursday, we will provide double meals so that families have food for Friday as well.
- **New pick-up hours:** Starting on March 30, 2020, we will be adjusting the hours for our pick-up option at schools. You can pick up grab & go meals from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Eligibility:** As a reminder, all children under the age of 18 are eligible, as are students 18-21 in one of our transition programs (including District 287 SECA, as well as Districts 917 and 916).

**Construction update:** While schools are closed to students and most staff, construction crews for schools are considered essential staff by Executive Order. That means crews at Richfield Middle School, Richfield High School, Sheridan Hills and Centennial and able to continue working. All projects are currently on schedule and, as long as there are no disruptions to the supply chain, might even get ahead of schedule during the next few weeks. So while you are out walking the dog or biking with your family (maintaining social distance, of course), you can anticipate seeing construction crews at Richfield Public Schools.

**Athletics & Activities:** Effective immediately and continuing until the Governor of Minnesota has lifted his school closure declaration, the MSHSL has suspended all spring activities. This includes all participation including but not limited to training, practices, rehearsals, scrimmages and contests. **No decision from the MSHSL regarding the cancellation of spring activities has been made at this time.** Middle and high school families should look for a detailed email from the athletics & activities office. If you have questions, please send them to athletics@rpsmn.org.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Steven Unowsky