



Acton-Boxborough Regional School District

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Dear Families,

I hope this email finds you surrounded by those you love during this strange time where we are forced to remain isolated and maintain physical distance during this crisis. Years from now, each of us will most likely share oral stories about this historic time. Some will no doubt be bleak and speak to watching confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts climb from one on March 9 at the start of the pandemic to over 32,000 yesterday, just five short weeks later. But many others will be heartwarming- about resilience and hope and how so many everyday citizens rallied to support others in need. And, they will tell of our incredible first responders, medical personnel, and others considered “essential personnel” who worked long hours making unthinkable sacrifices while most of us hunkered down at home.

As a district, we have continued to closely collaborate with the various departments in each of our Towns, the AB United Way, and other human service agencies since we closed our doors on March 13. To assist us with our ongoing work to support students and families, **we ask that you take 1-2 minutes to complete a short survey** around basic needs (i.e. health, housing, Internet access, etc.) so we can continue to help our Towns and agencies prioritize assistance. ***It is important that you respond to the survey, even if you and your family are not personally experiencing any challenges around basic needs right now.*** Again, we want to understand how things are going in general across our school community so that we can help our local organizations deploy resources and assistance where they are most needed.

Please click on [THIS LINK](#) to take the survey. We will keep the survey open through Tuesday, April 21 and post the results later next week on our website. Thank you so much for taking a few minutes out of your day to inform our community.

Stay safe and be well,

A handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "Dawn".

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