



WESTWOOD SCHOOLS AND WESTWOOD FOOD PANTRY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES

April 8, 2020

Dear Westwood Community Members,

The second wave of distribution of gift cards by the Westwood Public Schools/Westwood Food Pantry collaboration was a success, supporting many students and families throughout the District. Due to the continued closure of schools and the Governor's Stay at Home directive through May 4, we are now planning for the remaining weeks of school closure: April 6-9, April 13-17, April 20-24, and April 27-30.

For these remaining four weeks, the Food Pantry is able to continue to provide supermarket gift cards to students who are eligible for the free/reduced lunch program. To expedite getting resources to eligible families, we will be mailing supermarket gift cards directly to eligible families at their home addresses. The gift card will cover the \$20-per-week contribution amount for the next four weeks, so each family will receive four \$20 gift cards per child. While we hope that schools will reopen in May, please rest assured that this collaboration will continue to help families during any period of school closure. If you have already filled out the online form to enroll in this program, there is no need to fill it out again. **If you have not previously filled out the form, but are now in need, [please complete the attached confidential form](#) and the gift cards will be sent to the address you specify.**

The Food Pantry is also able to offer additional support to any family who may need food assistance. If you would like the Food Pantry to reach out to you, please share your information on [the attached confidential form](#). If you have any questions about this program, please contact Abby Hanscom, Director of Student Services, at 781-326-7500, x1345, or by email at ahanscom@westwood.k12.ma.us.

The Westwood community's response to this collaboration has been tremendous, and we would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Food Pantry to date. In this time of uncertainty and doubt, it is wonderful to be part of a community that supports and cares for each other. If any community member is still interested in making a financial donation to the Food Pantry to support this program, please click [here](#) or mail a check payable to the "Westwood Food Pantry, Inc." to the Westwood Food Pantry, P.O. Box 854, Westwood,

MA 02090. The Westwood Food Pantry is a tax-exempt organization and your donation will be tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

Please continue to look out for each other and stay well!

Westwood Food Pantry

Westwood Public Schools