



**WESTWOOD SCHOOLS AND WESTWOOD FOOD PANTRY
CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES FOR REMAINDER OF SCHOOL YEAR**

May 1, 2020

Dear Westwood Community Members,

The third 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 closure of the Westwood Public School buildings for the rest of the school year we are now planning for the last seven weeks of school from May 4 - June 19.

For these remaining seven 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 seven weeks, so each family will receive seven \$20 gift cards per child. 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