



UPDATE FROM WESTWOOD SCHOOLS AND WESTWOOD FOOD PANTRY

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Dear Westwood Community Members,

The first week of the Westwood Public School/Westwood Food Pantry collaboration was a success, with many families stopping by to pick up a supermarket gift card. Due to the closure of the schools and the Governor's Stay at Home directive through April 7, we are now planning for the next two weeks of school closure.

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 two weeks, so each family will receive one \$40 gift card per child. While we hope that schools will reopen soon, please rest assured that this collaboration will continue to help families during any period of school closure. [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, 781 326-7500, x1345, ahanscom@westwood.k12.ma.us

The Westwood community's response to this collaboration has been tremendous, and the Westwood Schools and the Westwood Food Pantry would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Food Pantry to allow this program to continue. 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