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Dear NDMA Family,

We will begin delivering meals tomorrow morning. Our first vans and couriers will be leaving NDMA by 9:15 a.m. We will be delivering door-to-door to *every NDMA student*. This is at no cost to you. We will have several vans and couriers doing this important work. Please note that some of the meals might not make it to their destination before 11 a.m., as we have 225 students. Also, it will take us a couple of days to find our rhythm in this regard. For now, we will deliver two meals per student per day: one breakfast and one lunch. The lunch will be for the day of delivery, while the breakfast is intended for the next morning.

If no one is home at the time of delivery, we will leave a note for you with contact information that will give you an opportunity to let us know if you do *not* want us to deliver meals during this time. Also, please inform us of any allergies/medical dietary needs.

If you have received an email from your child's Teacher that requires a response, please respond as soon as possible. We are preparing learning materials, and your response will impact preparation.

I offer the following links today for your consideration:

- guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health, Please refer to this resource for some of the most current guidance regarding strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- <a href="https://mn.gov/puc/telecommunications/telephone-discounts/">https://mn.gov/puc/telecommunications/telephone-discounts/</a>, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission offers telephone discounts through their TAP program.
- <a href="https://nuvera.net/public-wifi/">https://nuvera.net/public-wifi/</a>, Nuvera public Wi-Fi spots. Nuvera has a \$9.95/month, modem-free offer where they will waive the fee for the first 60 days.
- https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/schoolclimate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource, Talking to children about COVID-19, from the National Association of School Psychologists.



As I mentioned yesterday, until further notice we ask that you not stop by New Discoveries. We are trying to honor the protocol governing social distancing. At the same time, we are taking steps to make sure that we are taking essential measures to properly clean the facility.

We will continue to provide updates for you as we navigate the process over the coming days.

Dave Conrad

**Executive Director**