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Dear NDMA Family, please note the following:

- 1. Free Food from Michael's Foods in Gaylord
 - a. Michael's Foods will be conducting a FREE food distribution in Hutchinson tomorrow from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Distribution will take place in the Hutchinson City parking lot behind Main Street Sports Bar. You are instructed to follow the traffic cones and signs, and to STAY IN YOUR CAR, where bags of food will be delivered to you. The bags will contain liquid eggs (whole & whites), hard boiled eggs, diced potatoes, and mashed potatoes. *Everyone* is eligible.
 - b. Please note that Michael's Foods will be conducting a food distribution on Friday, April 10th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The drive-up process will take place in front of the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. *One package per vehicle*.



2. Stay-at-Home Order. Governor Walz just announced an extension of the Stay-at-Home declaration through May 4th. Since the initial Distance Learning mandate runs through May 4th, the Governor has not yet amended the plan.

- 3. Communication with Teachers. Please remember that we would like to be in touch with every family every week. If you haven't yet figured out how to do this, please reach out to your child's Teacher to come up with a plan. Also, if your child is too ill to do his/her schoolwork, please call our office to report your child's "absence." This is part of Minnesota Department of Education's (MDE) requirement for schools to keep track of attendance.
- 4. *Distance Learning*. Thank you for all your hard work relative to *Distance Learning*. If you are struggling with any aspect of *Distance Learning* for your child/ren, please contact us. Although we recognize that Distance Learning means more work for you, we do not want you to be overwhelmed by it. As I have said before, our Teachers are still your child's/ren's Teachers. You are helping to facilitate their learning. Please let us know how we can help you in your role.
- 5. *NDMA Annual Meeting.* Please note that New Discoveries Montessori Academy's annual meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, May 18th at 3:30 p.m. As we get closer to the date, we will provide information regarding details.
- 6. *Small Treat Bag*. For those receiving meals from NDMA, there will be a small treat bag left with each meal delivery tomorrow. This is a gift from NDMA Staff members. Although we will experience this holiday in a different context than ever imagined, we hope you will find comfort in knowing the reason for the holiday is unchanging. Now, as always, we wish you and your family the very best.
- 7. *Next Family Letter*. Barring any unexpected major announcements, my next *Family Letter* will be published Wednesday, April 15th.

Dave Conrad