

May 14, 2020: District email

Please find some updates for today:

### **Meal pick-up and childcare services not available on Memorial Day**

There will not be meal pick-ups or Community Care - Tier 1 & Tier 2 Childcare services available at any sites on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25). On Friday, May 22, when families pick up their meals, the bags will contain meals for Friday, Monday & Tuesday. The meal pick-up services will resume on Wednesday, May 27.

### **Meal Account Balance Refunds**

If your student is returning to WBLAS next year, their meal account balance will automatically rollover and you do not need to do anything. If your student is graduating or moving out of the District, please complete this [Request for Refund Form](#). Free and reduced applications for the school year 2020-2021 will be available in July.

### **Middle School Spring Sports Virtual Training**

Even though our middle school spring sports season has been canceled, our Middle School coaches have created Spring Sports Virtual Training information for all students, regardless of whether they had been signed up to participate in the spring season. Find lists of training activities you can do to pass the time [here](#).

### **COVID-19 Youth Forum**

The Minnesota Department of Education has asked us to spread the word that the Minnesota Youth Council will be hosting a COVID-19 Youth Forum tomorrow, May 15. The forum will be streamed live on the Minnesota Alliance with Youth Facebook page from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The discussion will focus on providing information to students about distance learning, how to access support and more. Learn more about the event [here](#).

### **Graduation Update**

Last Friday, the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education issued guidance regarding graduation ceremonies. Their recommendation, to ensure the safety of all participants, is that graduation should be observed at home. While this is certainly different than we envisioned ceremonies would look when the school year began, we are moving forward to build virtual ceremonies.

The Transition Education Center and Area Learning Center graduation ceremonies will take place in a virtual format, with information being shared with families soon.

White Bear Lake Area High School Commencement Ceremony video will be live on the district's YouTube account at the time the commencement ceremony was originally scheduled - at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 5. It will also be available for viewing at that time on the local cable SCC Channel 19 or HD801.

## **Bear Care Update**

The Free Bear Care Health & Wellness Clinic and the Free Bear Care Mental Wellness Support Line academic-year services are available through May 29, 2020. They will be available again starting in the fall.