MEDIA RELEASE – NORWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT/MARION CROSS SCHOOL – SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AVAILABILITY BEGINNING JANUARY 2021

As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has really changed just about everything in our daily routine. The Norwich School District has been provided resources through a temporary expansion of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to provide breakfast and lunch meals free of charge. All <u>students who are enrolled in the school</u> are eligible to participate and there is no application process necessary, just go online and order. If you need help with the ordering process or need menu information, please visit the school's website at: <u>https://www.marioncross.org/resources/food-service</u> or contact Mel Candon at <u>cafeservices@hanovernorwichschools.org</u> or 603-643-3431, ext. 2117.

The program does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and marital/civil union status, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times are as follows:

Marion Cross School, beginning January 1, 2021 – June 16, 2021 Monday – Friday, breakfast 7:40-8:10 am, lunch 12:00-12:30 pm The school will be closed for service the following days: January 18, 2021; February 15 through 19, 2021; March 5 & 8, 2021; April 9 through 16, 2021; and May 30, 2021

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