Family Resources

This is an important update to our winter weather information. Please see below for support with food insecurities and transportation to school during our impending weather.

Food Support:

BackPack Beginnings (BPB) does not have any emergency responses planned at this time; they are currently scheduling new and returning guests for their family market appointments at Family Market – BackPack Beginnings.
Findhelp.org is a great tool to connect families with resources year-round in many categories serving our area.

BackPack Beginnings –

- Lebanon Baptist Church, 4635 Hicone Road, is doing a public drive through food distribution on Friday, Jan 23, between 6-8 p.m.
- BPB recommends families connect with One Step Further, Community Support & Nutrition Program | onestepfurther, which offers free food with no appointments needed, up to one shopping visit per week. Their building is in the parking lot behind Definition Church at 1806 Merritt Dr. Their open shopping hours are Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (weather permitting).

Greensboro Urban Ministry –

- Single adult and family shelters will remain operational throughout this winter storm. They will also provide warming spaces during the day. The City and IRC will provide White Flag warming space at 1st Baptist Church and continue to provide Pallet Shelters at Pomona Park.
- As for food, their Potter's House Community Kitchen will remain operational for breakfast and lunch. Client Choice Pantry will be open next week if they are able given the weather.
- Greensboro Urban Ministry will make that decision on Monday on whether they will be able to open next week; it is open Tuesday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. under normal conditions.

Out of the Garden (OOG) Project –

- OOG is holding a "pop-up" Fresh Mobile Market food distribution at their warehouse today, Friday, Jan. 23, from 3-5:30 p.m. The address is 300 Hwy 68 S, Greensboro

27409. Each family that comes will receive around 55 lbs. of produce, meat, bread, and shelf stable food until they run out of supplies. Families are not required to provide documentation or ID.

- OOG will resume normal operations as soon as it is safe for their staff to be on the roads, and they are able to get the trucks out to recover food from grocery stores.
- They highly encourage GCS staff, students and families to follow OOG on social media, as that is where they post updates on food distributions. They also update their schedule posted on the website. If there is power, and they can get staff in, they anticipate doing additional food distributions at their warehouse next week.

Transportation:

Due to the possibility of significant inclement weather, GCS may have to implement Limited-Service bus routes to provide students' transportation to and from school. This is a preparedness step only. ***There is no guarantee Limited-Service Routes will be implemented.***

What Are Limited-Service Routes?

Limited-Service Routes are alternate bus routes designed to provide transportation when buses cannot safely access secondary or neighborhood roads. These routes prioritize main thoroughfares and are intended to maintain safety and continuity during adverse conditions.

Brief overview of routes:

· **Traditional Bus Routes** - For our traditional student population, neighborhood stops will be consolidated onto main roads. In some cases, this may require families to travel up to a mile from their original stop.

· **Choice Bus Routes** - For our magnet and choice students, the complexity of shuttle routes requires a different solution. Service will be consolidated to community stops located at designated GCS properties, which means families will need to drop off and pick up at those sites.

· **EC Bus Routes** - For our students receiving EC services, the approach depends on the type of accommodation. If a student has documented ambulatory/elopement needs, their stop will remain unchanged. However, if mobility is not an issue, those stops may also be consolidated to main roads.

**** These routes will only be used if officially announced by GCS. We will update you as we know.***

Family Reminders:

· If activated, students must report to the designated Limited-Service stop, not their regular bus stop.

· Walking distances may be longer.

· Here Comes the Bus (HCTB) tracking will ***not*** be available. · Please log into the Bus Planner Parent Portal to obtain bus information for limited-service routes by utilizing this link Home Page - BusPlanner Web .Parents must create an account.

Know that we are here to support you in any way we can. We love you being part of The Southern Storm!

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