

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**General George a. mccall school**  
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Dear McCall School Parents and Guardians,

I would like to thank all of you for your patience as we navigate unprecedented circumstances in our schools. Please see important updates below regarding resources that can be used to keep students active and engaged while not in school. The best thing that we can do is to continue to engage students academically so that they have some consistency in their learning until we return to school.

Since the closing of school was announced only an hour before the end of the day on Friday, not all teachers were able to create lessons to engage students or to prepare work/materials to send home. Below are options of what students may do over the next few weeks until we return to school.

1. Some teachers did send resources/assignments home with students that can be completed while they are not in school. If your child did receive resources from his/her teacher, please encourage him/her to work on those assignments.
2. Our school district has also provided curriculum guides that you may access at [www.philasd.org/curriculum/home/supplemental-resoures/](http://www.philasd.org/curriculum/home/supplemental-resoures/). If you choose to use the curriculum guide, support can be found by using the Learning Guide Hotline at 215-400-5300. The district has opened up thirty (30) schools that are serving “grab and go” meals Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. They will also have printed copies of the aforementioned curriculum packets at those locations. For more information please visit <https://www.philasd.org/> as to the sites where the meals and packets can be obtained. In addition, Comcast is offering two free months of internet service. To sign up, please visit [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com).
3. On Friday, we sent home a list of *educational websites* that students may access for free at home. Any or all of the websites are recommended for students. The list of educational websites can also be found on our school’s website at <https://mccall.philasd.org/>.

We recognize that there are a number of options as to what educational materials you choose to use with your child(ren). There is no expectation as to what you select to use. We just highly encourage that your child(ren) engage in some academic activities daily. I will reach out as we have additional updates from the SDP. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at [sstover@philasd.org](mailto:sstover@philasd.org). Thank you and stay safe!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Stephanie McKenna  
Principal

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