



April 27, 2020

Dear Map Academy Community,

It is our sincere hope that this letter finds you healthy and well during this strange and unprecedented time. As you know, Governor Baker has extended the current closure through the remainder of the school year. We speak for the entire Map Academy staff when we say that although we know that this was the right decision, we very much wish we could open our doors and go back to full onsite operations. We miss our students and look forward to having everyone back as soon as it is deemed safe. In the meantime, we are writing to provide some updates and ensure you are aware of all of the ways students can access support remotely.

- If you haven't already, we urge you to check the [Virtual Student Center](https://themapacademy.org/virtual-student-center) (<https://themapacademy.org/virtual-student-center>) on the Map Academy homepage to see how students can continue to make progress during the closure. It's important to note that Map Academy students continue to control their own academic pace. We're proud to say that many students have been pushing forward and earning credits, and we encourage students who have been stalled to reach out for support in making a plan to jumpstart their progress. Staff are accessible and ready to provide all necessary supports students need to reach their goals.
- To facilitate communication and streamline outreach efforts, each student has been assigned a **Remote Learning Case Manager** who is responsible for daily academic case management, including check ins and coordination with other staff to ensure academic supports are working smoothly in all content areas. Each Case Manager is also able to provide Special Education supports as needed. You will find a note from your Case Manager enclosed with this letter. Case Managers can be reached by calling 508-830-9500 or via the emails below:
 - Marcy Curtis, mcurtis@themapacademy.org
 - Shawn Kain, skain@themapacademy.org
 - Ryan McLaughlin, rmclaughlin@themapacademy.org
- As many of you know, the lower level of the Map Academy building has always been slated for renovation over the course of this spring and summer so that we can begin operating on both floors of the building beginning in Fall 2020. We are happy to report that the construction permit was approved prior to the closure and construction is proceeding with all appropriate public health precautions. We are excited that this much needed additional space is on track for completion by the time school reopens for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Graduation as it was originally scheduled on June 17th will not be able to happen in person, but we want our entire school community to know that we are actively developing a range of ways to remotely celebrate our graduates. We are closely monitoring public health information and advisories and **as soon as there is clarity about when it will be safe, we will schedule an in-person graduation ceremony**. We are committed to ensuring that each of our graduates receives the individualized support they need to feel ready for their post-high school plans,

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whatever those may be. Questions about preparing for graduation and next steps can be directed to:

- Stephanie King, sking@themapacademy.org
- Ashley Cubellis, acubellis@themapacademy.org

- **The last official day of school for the current 2019-2020 school year will now be Tuesday, June 16th.** This change is as a result of remaining operational during what had been scheduled to be April break.
- Please know that we are exploring all options for potential summer programming, but all planning is contingent on updated public health information and guidance from the Governor and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We will provide additional information as it becomes available. It is important to emphasize that the self-paced, asynchronous nature of Map Academy's academic courses means that students do not lose their progress in courses during the summer. At the very minimum, remote learning will be able to continue through the summer months.
- Enclosed with this letter you will find a calendar for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. You will notice a couple of changes.
 - Wednesday will no longer be an early release every week. Instead, one full Wednesday a month will be a staff PD day.
 - Daily dismissal time will change to 3:00 instead of 3:30.

As you know, Map Academy is intentionally designed to do high school differently and to keep students at the center of all decisions. We will continue to apply this foundational mindset to all of our planning as we work to ensure all of our students have the support they need to continue making meaningful progress toward their goals. We are committed to continuing to evolve our strategy and approach in response to student needs. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything you need or anything we can do to support you.

We miss you all.

Stay well & be safe,



Rachel Babcock
Co-Director



Josh Charpentier
Co-Director



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ACADEMIC CONTACT PERSON FOR YOUR STUDENT

Shawn Kain- Teacher, Co-Lead
(508) 830-9500
skain@themapacademy.org

ONE-TO-ONE

During this time, the academic staff will continue to be available remotely Monday-Friday. Shawn will be happy to schedule one-on-one academic conferences and/or mini-lessons that meet your specific needs.

VIRTUAL STUDENT CENTER

<https://vimeo.com/399870559>

ACADEMICS

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Map Academy Credit Shout Out!

Miguel G / Biology MCAS
Michael G / Biology MCAS
Mat G / Biology MCAS
Ian G / ELA
Javon G / Biology MCAS
Jeff C / History
Lucas J / ELA
Josh Q / Biology MCAS
Lucas M / ELA
Jenna M / Math
Justin I / Math
Jeff C / ELA
Kerri Q / Biology MCAS

Joey C / Math
Julia D / Math
Owen F / Humanities
Caleb F / Humanities
Tyler G / Math
Elyza W / Math
Jenna M / Science
Inez W / Biology MCAS
Lucas J / Math
Kerri Q / MCAS Prep
Jenna M / ELA
Sam K / Biology MCAS

VIRTUAL DISTANCE LEARNING



Map Academy is well prepared to meet the challenges of remote learning for the remainder of the school year. Our staff is committed to holding students to high academic standards as they make progress toward their goals. As a community, we will get through this together.



GOOGLE CLASSROOM

The teaching staff has been adapting and creating high-interest alternative assignments for online work through Map Academy's Academic Tracker and Google Classrooms. Paper-based assignments are also available.

RESPONSIVE INTERVENTIONS





April 28, 2020

To Our Map Family,

As we start to settle into our new sense of normalcy and attempt to create new routines and structure in our everyday lives, the student support team at Map Academy wants to reassure you that we are going through this unprecedented journey alongside you and will do whatever we can to help. Just as academic instruction and learning continues during our period of closure, emotional support and virtual counseling sessions with our students also continue to move forward. In addition, students can still access the support of our school nurse for any physical health related concerns.

With each day bringing a unique set of challenges and ongoing changes that we will adjust to together, we would like to offer you all some resources and new ideas in order to help instill some positivity and optimism in the lives of our students and families. Please see the attached double sided page for a list of resources that may be useful during these difficult times. If you have any questions about these resources or any unmet needs going forward as we continue into the next leg of this journey, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Student Support Team

- Maxanne Wordell, mwordell@themapacademy.org
- Mike Balaschi, mbalaschi@themapacademy.org
- Nurse Heather Sears, hsears@themapacademy.org

We miss you all very much! If you have any uplifting stories or experiences that you would like to share with Map Academy and our community, please send them along. We would love to be able to highlight and showcase all the positive creativity and silver linings happening during this uncertain time.

We will get through this together.

Maxanne Wordell
Student Support Co-Lead

Michael Balaschi
Student Support Co-Lead



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Resources

Emergency Mental Health Services

Child & Family Services Crisis Team is designed to provide psychiatric assessment and intervention to people of any age who are in a crisis situation. They are available 24 hours a day – 7 days per week and are still providing an emergency response during this time of school closure. If you find yourself or someone you love in a crisis situation and need immediate support for your mental health and safety please call:

Child & Family Services Plymouth
202 South Meadow Unit 5B
Plymouth, MA 02360
877-996-3154
<https://child-familyservices.org/plymouth/>

Crisis Text Line serves anyone, in any type of crisis, providing access to free, 24/7 support via a medium people already use and trust: text. Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a crisis counselor.

Recovery Resources

Are you or someone you love struggling to maintain sobriety during this ever changing and stressful time? Below are some online resources that you can access for continued support and well being. We want to let our Map family know that we do have access to Narcan. If you or someone you love needs Narcan, please reach out to our student support team and we will ensure you get one. You can reach us at Map Academy at 508 830 9500.

In The Rooms, the world's largest, online social network for the global recovery community. In The Rooms is for people already in recovery, those seeking immediate help from any addiction, and for the families, friends, and allies of loved ones who are affected by substance use disorder. Scroll to the bottom right for a long list of upcoming live meetings. - <https://www.intherooms.com/home/>

Alcoholics Anonymous [AAintergroup.org/directory](https://aaintergroup.org/directory) – Browse the online meeting directories.

Narcotics Anonymous [Virtual-na.org](https://virtual-na.org) – Browse the online meeting directories

Mindfulness

Nan Project <https://www.thenanproject.org>

Breath App <https://www.stopbreathethink.com>

Calm App <https://www.calm.com>

Mindful <https://www.mindful.org>

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Wifi & Internet

Comcast Providing Students with Internet Options

Check out the link below to see different ways you can connect to the internet from home. Xfinity WiFi hotspots are now free for everyone & Internet essentials is free for the first 60 days.

<https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

<https://internetessentials.com>

Unemployment

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact, many individuals are struggling with loss or release of employment through temporary lay-offs, reduced work hours, or business closings due to a Stay in Place throughout Massachusetts. Even if you work part-time or full-time at a new place of employment or work multiple jobs with long time employers, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits. To check your unemployment eligibility please complete a free claim 'application' for unemployment benefits completely online. To assist with your claim, the Department of Unemployment (DUA) has waived the 1 week waiting period to authorize the payment of benefits in a timely manner.

- Go to the [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) website (computer is recommended)
- Select Apply for unemployment benefits
- Review what you need in order to apply online

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-unemployment-benefits>

- Start the application by selecting Apply for unemployment benefits online

After completing your application, please remember to check your DUA account inbox daily to see if you are approved and what steps you have to complete immediately and weekly to continue to receive the benefits. Weekly requirements regarding unemployment during the COVID-19 impact have changed and can be reviewed here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-unemployment-information> .

If you have any questions or need help filing a claim for unemployment, please reach out to Stephanie King at sking@themapacademy.org or 508-830-9500.

Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)

Out of an abundance of caution and to support the wellness of their clients and staff, DTA local offices are closed to in-person visits until further notice.

DTA has fully transitioned to assisting clients over the phone and online.

Please click on the link below if you need to apply for or check the status of your benefit application during this time of closure to in person visits.

<https://www.mass.gov/dta-covid-19-resources-and-support>

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Map Academy 2020-2021 Calendar

AUGUST

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

24 STAFF PD

31 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL STUDENTS

Main Phone: 508-830-9500

Fax: 508-425-2441

Website: themapacademy.org

Address: 11 Resnik Rd. Plymouth, MA 02360



MAP ACADEMY

Student Hours: 8:30am to 3:00pm Mon-Fri

SEPTEMBER

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

7 LABOR DAY

16 FULL DAY STAFF PD

FEBRUARY

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

15 - 19 FEBRUARY VACATION

OCTOBER

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

12 COLUMBUS DAY

21 FULL DAY STAFF PD

MARCH

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

10 FULL DAY STAFF PD

NOVEMBER

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

3 ELECTION DAY

11 VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

25-27 THANKSGIVING BREAK

APRIL

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

19 - 23 APRIL VACATION

DECEMBER

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

23-JAN 1 HOLIDAY RECESS

9 FULL DAY STAFF PD

MAY

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

12 FULL DAY STAFF PD

31 MEMORIAL DAY

JANUARY

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

4 CLASSES RESUME

13 FULL DAY STAFF PD

18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

JUNE

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

180th Day: June 23, 2021

185th Day: June 30, 2021



No School Students & Staff



Staff Professional Development - No School Students