



TOWN OF STRATFORD
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FEEDING PLAN LAUNCHED IN CONSIDERATION OF CORONAVIRUS SCHOOL CLOSURES

STRATFORD – Mayor Laura R. Hoydick is announcing that in consideration of the closure of all public schools out of concern for the Coronavirus outbreak, a feeding plan has been developed in partnership with the Town of Stratford, Sterling House Community Center, Stratford Public Schools and the South End Community Center.

“It is important to all of us that our children are safe, continuing to learn, and are healthy,” said **Dr. Janet Robinson, Superintendent of Stratford Public Schools**. “To that end, we thank our community partners and Sodexo, our food service, for assisting to feed our children while they are out of school. Stratford is truly a caring community that takes care of our children.”

“I am tremendously thankful to our community partners for working alongside us in these challenging and unusual circumstances to ensure families who are in need of the food services provided by our school system do not have to go without during our closure of the public school system,” said **Mayor Laura Hoydick**. “This collaboration in an emergency and the spirit of people helping people is part of what makes Stratford unique and wonderful.”

Bagged lunches will be available starting this Monday and every weekday while schools remain closed between the hours of 11am and 12pm. Meals will be provided as grab-and-go, families will not be permitted to remain on premises to eat.

Feeding sites will be at the following locations:

- Franklin Elementary School – 1895 Barnum Ave.
- Nichols Elementary School – 396 Nichols Ave.
- Johnson House – 719 Birdseye St.
- Sterling House Community Center – 2283 Main Street
- South End Community Center – 19 Bates St.

The lunches are provided by Sodexo, the district’s school food service.

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