



To: RCPS Families with Children in Grades K-8

From: Rob Bliss, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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Re: **Essential Workers Childcare**

We hope your days have been filled with kindness, compassion, and good neighbors on all sides.

This communication is related to childcare for “essential workers.” As you know, all schools in Vermont have been ordered closed by Governor Phil Scott in an effort to slow the progression of the COVID – 19 Virus. Governor Scott also issued an order that public schools work to help provide childcare to essential workers in our community who have children in grades K-8.

The Vermont Emergency Management System has defined “essential workers” as providers of health care, public health employees, firefighters, military staff, and food supply chain workers.

If you are a family who has a child, or children, in Rutland City Public Schools AND you work to provide an “essential” service to our community, please listen to the remainder of this message.

There are currently two significant childcare offerings for essential workers in the Rutland community.

First, Rutland City Public Schools is organizing childcare at one of our schools. That opportunity is targeted to start on Monday March 23. In order for us to assess how many students we might serve, we need to gather information. If you are an essential worker, and you have an interest in a school-based childcare, please call 786-1942 by 4:00 PM on Friday March 20th. When you phone, we will collect basic information from you.

Second, the Rutland Recreation Department has established a camp that will run seven days a week, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. For more information on that camp, please phone the Rutland Recreation Department at 773-1822 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or go to the Recreation Department’s website.

Rutland remains a community of people who support and care for each other. Especially during these recent days, WE BELIEVE IN RUTLAND!

This message will also be posted on the RCPS Website.