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Dear Parents and Guardians:

From time to time, families may face financial difficulties, and school-related dues and fees can compound family stressors. If your family is experiencing financial hardship, you or your child can make a request for assistance. Once you contact a member of the school staff, listed below you will be given information and be asked to fill out an “Application for Financial Assistance” form for various types of financial relief.

Category	Area of Need	Types of Assistance:			Forms/ Information available from:
		Reduced	Free	Waived	
Lunch	Lunch	x	x		Principal, Assistant Principal, School Secretary, Counselor, Food Service Director
Tuition	All-Day Kindergarten	x		x	Principal, School Secretary, Counselor
	Carol Huebner Early Childhood Program	x		x	Early Childhood Coordinator, Classroom Teacher
	Community Ed. Extended Day Program	x	x		Extended Day Director
	Summer school	x		x	Principal, Assistant Principal, Counselor
Fees	Music programs	x		x	Music Director, Principal, Assistant Principal, School Secretary, Counselor
	Interscholastic athletics	x		x	Coach/Athletic Director, Principal, Assistant Principal, School Secretary, Counselor
	Field trips, school-sponsored events, Project Wellness, and Senior Dues	x	x		Principal, Assistant Principal, School Secretary, Counselor
	PSAT, SAT I/II, AP exams, and college applications*	x		x	Counselor, Associate Principal
Tickets	Special events			x	Principal, Assistant Principal, School Secretary, Counselor
Scholarship	Local needs-based college scholarship awards	Partial Scholarship			Counselor, Associate Principal

* Note: These supports are offered by the testing companies and by some colleges – not by the public schools.

Both Acton and Boxborough have Community Services Coordinators who can connect you with additional supports:

Acton: Laura Ducharme

Phone: 978-929-6651

Email: lducharme@actonma.gov

Boxborough: Wendy Trinks

Phone: 978-264-1735

Email: wtrinks@boxborough-ma.gov

For **food**, the Acton Food Pantry is a resource for Acton and Boxborough residents (978-635-9295) as is [ABRSD Food Services](#). All students will again be eligible for free breakfast and lunch throughout the 2023-24 school year.

For **affordable housing** in Acton, contact the Acton Housing Authority at 978-263-5339. Also, for low-cost high-speed internet options, families can learn more [here](#).

Finally, further information on school or community services or assistance can be just a phone call away by contacting us at the Acton-Boxborough Resource Center at 978-264-3309. All information is kept confidential.

Sincerely,

Jennifer G. Faber

Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion