



The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts

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Dear Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts School Community,

Beginning on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, the Mary Lyon Foundation, in partnership with Hilltown Churches Food Pantry and Good Neighbors Food Pantry, will provide take-home backpacks of food to children attending schools in the Hawlemont and Mohawk Trail Regional Schools, including Rowe Elementary School. Filled backpacks will be sent home on Wednesdays and Fridays with the expectation that the empty bags be returned the following school day for refilling. To participate, families must sign up for the program through [this link](#), by scanning the QR code below, or by calling their school.

This program aims to ensure essential nutrition to our students at home while the SNAP Program is not funded. Items such as macaroni and cheese, tuna, soups, peanut butter, cereal, and other dry goods were found to be very useful for our school families during the COVID period and will be secured for this program.

“We provide strength in the community when we link arms with our partners and help to lift each other. During these difficult times, it is more important than ever to support your local non-profits and food pantries because we are the boots on the ground, grass-roots organizations providing direct support to the community,” said Kristen Tillona-Baker, Chief Executive Officer of the Mary Lyon Foundation.

In addition to sourcing food from the two local food pantries referenced above, the Foundation will purchase food items from local vendors and support multiple food drives for specific food and hygiene items. While the Mary Lyon Foundation secures the food donations, District Nurse Leader Donna Weber, with the help of volunteers, will be coordinating the school-based food backpack program at the school buildings.

If you can help by volunteering or offering access to more nutrition sources, please connect with the Foundation at 413-625-2555. Donations (of food and/or money) to the local food pantries or dropped at the schools are also welcome.

In Partnership and with Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sheryl L. Stanton'.

Sheryl Stanton
Superintendent

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participate



School Building Phone Numbers:

BSE: 413-625-2521

Hawlemont Regional: 413-339-8316

Mohawk Trail Regional: 413-625-9811

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Sanderson Academy: 413-628-4404