

## 2020 CENSUS AND GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every ten years the federal government conducts a census or counting of the people that reside in the country. This has been going on since 1790 when Thomas Jefferson conducted the first census of the newly created country. This year residents will receive an invitation to respond to the census in mid-March. The Town and City of Groton as well as our partners at the Submarine Base have been working together to get the message out that we need you to respond to the census request.

How does the census impact education? Did you know that the federal grant money goes towards Special Education funding, Title I grants, the National School Lunch Program, Head Start and Foster Care to name a few? It is **so important** for everyone to respond to the census. Groton's children are depending on your response to make sure these and other federal programs are fully funded.

The power of the complete count of Groton's population is in YOUR HANDS. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail to respond to the census in mid-March. It is **easy** to respond. You can do it either online, by phone or in writing. Your information is **safe** as the Census Bureau is not permitted by law to share any of your information with anyone including law enforcement and other government agencies.

The Groton Public Library, the Mystic-Noank Library and the Bill Memorial Library will be hosting a Census Kick-off Celebration on April 1. If you do not have computer access, here is a perfect opportunity for you. The public access television channels are holding different shows intended to give information to the residents of Groton. Check out the Facebook page for the Town of Groton's Complete Count Committee which is now up and running. Posters are on display around town. Flyers and handouts will be coming home as well. If you would like more information, go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

The Census is SAFE, EASY AND IMPORTANT! Groton Public Schools are depending on YOU!

Thank you,

Liz Porter  
Complete Count Committee Chair  
Town of Groton  
Board of Education member