

# ***Bristol Borough School District***

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Dear Bristol Borough School Community,

We in the District hope that you and your families are doing well during this unprecedented and difficult time. We understand your frustrations, fears, and anxieties surrounding the COVID-19 mandates. We are working diligently as a school community to process the information and do whatever we can to support our students, families, employees, and the community overall.

As a District, we are instituting measures to help mitigate the potential impacts of COVID-19. The District engages in daily “virtual” meetings with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit. These meetings include all of the county Superintendents, the leadership of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit, the Bucks County Department of Health, and Emergency Management Services. In addition, representatives from the State Legislature and the leading governing educational bodies in Pennsylvania join our virtual meetings to answer specific questions and provide guidance in all aspects of the educational and community response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Additionally, other District leadership team members are participating in county-wide virtual meetings. The leadership team then shares the information and uses it to guide our actions and develop next steps.

It is critical to note that the entire county has been working together to get all the answers to the questions we have regarding such issues as educational opportunities for all, continuation of vital services, food distribution, and emergency operations. Unfortunately, many of the answers we seek are not immediately forthcoming. Please know what we are advocating daily for guidance, clear communication, and direction to help bring clarity to our community.

As a district we are committed to serving the educational, social, and emotional needs of our students. We will continue to post guidance, educational opportunities, and

resources on the district website and Facebook communication page. A list of our email addresses is on our webpage if you need to contact someone for specific guidance. Educationally, we are currently exploring ways in which we can provide continuation of educational programming in this new environment. Parents; please inventory your devices and assess your WIFI capacity. A survey will be released next week and will help the District gauge our ability to provide virtual learning opportunities for our students.

Any move to virtual learning is dependent upon several factors, including state laws governing the use of virtual learning counting as school days and federal guidelines for Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) which govern the equity of the services we provide to all learners. Please know that during this two-week closure, no Bucks County school district is offering any kind of formal virtual learning that counts as school days. All learning opportunities currently being offered are voluntary and will not count as credit. They are simply a way for us to provide resources and stay connected with our students and their families.

I want to thank the community for your continued support. I look forward to continuing to work together with the dedicated members of this strong and interwoven community so we can deliver the highest possible level of services and resources we can.

Respectfully,

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