

Bristol Borough School District

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Dear Bristol Borough School Community,

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I've always believed that in times of crisis, we can learn the true measure of character in how one reacts. From the highest levels of government down to the grade school student, our entire country is joining the world in fighting the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In this time of social distancing and isolation for the greater good, our community has to come together to serve our neediest and vulnerable citizens. To that end, I would like to thank everyone for their service to students over the past two weeks. Everything from the continuation of food distribution, to the sanitation of buildings, to the continuation of learning opportunities for students has been achieved through the teamwork and dedication of our community partners, School Board, administration, faculty, and staff members. These individuals put the needs of others before their own, and for that we are grateful.

The Bristol Borough School District vows to stay community minded and committed to the health, safety, and welfare of our students and our overall community. To that end, we ask everyone to please adhere to the protocols set forth by the Governor to stay home, stay safe, and stay well. We hope that our community continues to treat all of its members with grace and compassion during these difficult times. Together, we have the strength to overcome all obstacles and emerge from this crisis even stronger than we were before.

In order to keep community members informed of new information, we have created a space on our website for Covid-19 updates. These updates include information on educational resources, mental and emotional health supports, and food access. We also post information on the Bristol Borough Communications Facebook page and send out alerts through our one call system. If you or our family is in need please do not hesitate to call the school building and talk to us directly. The offices are covered daily and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

It is critical to note that the entire county has been working together to get all of the answers to the questions we have regarding the continuity of education during the coming weeks. As of today, schools are closed via the Governor's order through April 6th. Moving forward, we are committed to the continuity of education for our students. To that end, here is what we are doing to ensure all students have access to educational opportunities:

1. On Tuesday, March 24th we released a survey to parents and guardians to assess students' access to the internet and electronic devices. So far, we have received over 900 responses. If you have a child in the district, please take a moment to fill out the survey. If you do not have access to the survey, please call 215-781-1000 extension 1001. A special phone line has been set up to record responses.
2. The district is formulating a plan based on the outcome of the survey to develop learning opportunities that are accessible to all learners. Please check for updates regarding the distribution of Chromebooks for families.

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3. On Wednesday, March 25th teachers participated in virtual building level meetings with the superintendent and administration to discuss educational options for all learners of all learners and to develop an action plan for the continuity of educational services under that guidelines set forth by the state and federal government.
4. Teachers will continue to engage in professional development and collaborate activities for the remainder of the week and throughout the beginning of next week.
5. Grade and subject level packets will be available for all students beginning on Wednesday, April 1st. Information in the packet will cover the time span of Wednesday, April 1st to April 8th.
6. Grade and subject information will be available through Google Classrooms and our district website. Hard copies of packets will also be available at the school buildings. Google Classroom can be accessed through any number of devices, including cell phones.
7. Teachers will be available daily Monday through Thursday to assist students through various means, such as recorded lessons, office hours, and email.
8. Nurses and counselors will be available via email assist in any way possible to ensure students have access to the resources they need to maintain their health and well-being. Please contact the school if you need assistance.

Additional information will be available in the coming days regarding continuity of education. Please check our website for updates.

One final note: Food distribution will continue next week on a revised schedule. Packages containing breakfast and lunch will be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00AM-1:00PM. Monday's and Wednesday's packages will contain two breakfasts and lunches while Fridays package will contain three Breakfasts and lunches. Food packages are available to all children in Bristol Borough so please come out and take advantage of this food offering. We have been serving approximately 175-200 lunches daily.

Respectfully,

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