

# ***Bristol Borough School District***

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Dear Bristol Borough School Community,

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. The District has been very busy checking on students, providing Chromebooks and getting this new online and packet based education system up and running. Although it has been overwhelming at times we have made substantial progress over the past month turning our brick and mortar school into a virtual learning space.

I am extremely grateful to our administration, faculty, staff, parents and students for their ability to adapt so quickly to this new environment. Striking a balance between working from home and family life can be difficult under the best of circumstances. The willingness of the school community to do whatever is necessary to provide for the needs of every student has been heartwarming. What our district lacks in numbers, it makes up for in strength, character and perseverance. Thank you to everyone who is working to maintain a sense of normalcy and stability for our students in these uncertain times.

Governor Wolf's announcement to cancel traditional classes for the remainder of the year has left our community with many questions and concerns. Although we have the instructional component of our Continuity of Education plan underway, there are still many decisions to be made over the coming weeks. We are very mindful of the needs of our district from kindergarten registration to celebrating the important landmark of graduation for our seniors. Our plan is to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and adapt accordingly to the ongoing state mandates requiring social distancing. Please check our website often for updates and announcements as the situation continues to unfold.

Here are some additional updates:

- Although our track remains open to the public, we ask that all community members maintain social distancing protocols while using the facilities.
- Our Continuity of Education Plan began on Wednesday, April 3. A copy of the plan is available on our website. Under the plan, students are required to participate in synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities. Teachers continue to provide instruction in a variety of ways so all students abundant learning opportunities. The plan is dynamic and will continue to be refined as student needs continue to unfold.
- Assignments for the third marking period will be accepted until Friday, April 17. Third quarter report cards will be mailed home next week. Parents can also check student's third quarter grades on the parent portal.

- Student's high school GPAs will be based solely on the first three marking periods. The remainder of the year will be graded on a pass/fail basis for all students. Please see the Continuity of Education Plan for more details.
- We have distributed approximately 400 Chromebook computers to district families. We will continue to distribute Chromebooks on the basis of need. Please contact the school if you need to speak with someone about a Chromebook.
- We continue to distribute breakfast and lunch to families in the Borough. Any child is welcome to come and get meals at both the HS and elementary. Meals are generally distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- The District applied for a continuity of education grant from PDE. The results of the grant will be released tomorrow.
- Our faculty and administration are continuing our efforts to make personal contact with every student in our district to ensure they are well and continuing to learn. Parents and students, please stay connected to your teachers and let us know if we can help you in any way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am on my email regularly and in the district often to ensure everything is running smoothly. The buildings are also covered by an administrator daily. Most of all, please stay safe and know that I am thinking of you and your families during this difficult time.

Regards,

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