



INTERBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Communication to Parents - COVID- 19

Dear Interboro School District Community,

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as our school district manages the day to day operations remotely. Our most important focus is planning for the potential shift to online, distance learning for all of our students. Based on the Governor's latest press conference (2:00 p.m. today, 3/23), the school closure has been extended by an additional two weeks, with a timeline to return to school on April 13th.

We still don't know the length of time for which schools in PA will ultimately be shut down, but most districts are planning for the potential for extended closures.

Distance Learning:

The District is preparing for distance learning if the Governor's shut down continues indefinitely. We will be sure to update you as this plan evolves. As the PA Department of Education has waived the minimum day and hour requirement, our goal is to complete the school year as close as we can to our original date of Thursday, June 11th. If we do return to school, we will need to modify our calendar and possibly make up some of the missed time. We will only know this once the Pennsylvania Department of Education has provided us with guidance.

A few important notes:

- As long as we are shut down, we will continue food distribution for families. If you have not signed up and are interested in participating in the program, please complete the following survey: <https://forms.gle/UYSECUfJck4bHoTF6> "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunches are available for pick up for our PreK - 12th grade students between 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at your local community school. Through the two pickups, you will receive a total of 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches per child. This survey will remain open through March 25th and you will be contacted by March 27th with details to begin picking up meals on Monday, March 30th.
- In the event of an extended shut down, Interboro will loan Chromebooks to families as needed. Please complete the following survey if your child does not have access to a desktop, laptop, or tablet for at least two hours each day. The following link will take you directly to the survey. (<https://forms.gle/hv22haXY8hrFx8Ji7>) This survey will be open through Thursday, March 26th @ 3:00pm. You will receive logistical information regarding device pick up by 3:00 p.m. on March 27th.
- If you are without internet at home, Comcast has a special program for qualifying families. During the crisis, they are waiving any fees and payments for the first two months. Please visit this link for more info: <https://internetessentials.com/>
- PSSAs and Keystone Exams are canceled for 2020. We know there are a lot of questions about proms, graduations, etc. We simply don't have the answers at this time.

- PLEASE make sure your contact information is updated in the HAC. Having an email is the most efficient method for you to receive communication from the District.

Coming soon, the District's YouTube channel will feature special videos created by our staff to stay connected to our community during these uncertain times. You can take a look at our YouTube channel here:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVp_DkU4z0ALxSs9A-o6rTg.

We are all missing our students and hope to return to school as soon as possible. We hope that you have been able to access the online resources available on our website. Please continue to check our website and follow us on Twitter, as we plan to have virtual community spirit events.

Most importantly, the administration and staff are working together to provide your children with a distance learning plan that meets the needs of all students. We recognize that each and every one of our families are adjusting to this new way of life and we are here to support all of our families!

Interboro is a supportive, close knit community and, as always, we will remain strong and show our BUC Pride in all that we do!

Stay well and be safe.

Sincerely,



Bernadette C. Reiley
Superintendent of Schools

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