



Dear BPS Families,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones well. This week BPS is launching the next phase of our Remote Learning Plan (RLP). The next phase of our RLP builds upon previous phases and prioritizes the following:

1. Meaningful connections with educators and peers.
2. Engaging core instruction focused on essential content standards that are most critical for student success in the next grade.
3. Ongoing opportunities for enrichment, exercise, and play.
4. Additional opportunities, beginning no later than May 11th, for drop-in support sessions (via Zoom and/or Google meet) for students to receive support from their teachers and/or counselors.

Educators will continue to be available two hours per day ("office hours") to respond to parents and students. Additionally, educators will schedule an additional 5.5 hours during the course of each week, which will be scheduled based on our educators' professional judgement and other considerations. Teachers will continue to use their remote learning platforms to post weekly student assignments. Active student engagement and assignments at the PreK-7 level will total approximately 14 hours per week. And, active student engagement at the 8-12 level will require approximately 2 hours of student time per class/section per week.

**PreK-7:**

Active student engagement and assignments will total approximately 14 hours per week. A "core" weekly plan for grades K-7 will be posted to the District's web-based Remote Learning Plan. Teachers may use their professional judgement to supplement the "core" weekly plan with their own instructional resources, learning activities and weekly assignments.

**Grades 8-12:**

The weekly plans for grades 8 - 12 will no longer be posted on the district's remote learning page, instead, students and families will be directed to access the plans through their teachers' remote learning platforms. The weekly plans for grades 6 and 7 will continue to be posted on the district's remote learning page, as well as in teachers' Google Classrooms.

*The biggest change in this phase of our RLP is that teachers will prioritize new content that is the most critical for student success in the next grade.*

I want to thank the many families who were able to participate in our BPS Family Survey. We are compiling over 1900 responses, and we were able to use your feedback as we designed the next phase of our RLP. We remain committed to seeking and using your feedback as we implement our RLP. We will also publish results from our Family Survey and Student Survey, so that our BPS community can gain a sense of areas of strength and challenges. We are grateful for the strong school-family partnerships that continue to develop.

Along with our students, our teachers are also learning differently and have adjusted in many ways to remote teaching and learning. As your everyday lives have changed, so have the lives of our educators. This week is Teacher Appreciation Week - a wonderful opportunity to express our collective appreciation for Barnstable educators!

Sincerely,

Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown