



April 3, 2020

Dear BPS Families,

Last week, I emailed a letter to the BPS community outlining our **BPS Remote Learning Plan**. In summary, our BPS Remote Learning Plan provides a phased-in approach, acknowledging the many challenges facing our students, families, educators and staff as we consider the impact of COVID-19. The **first phase** of our plan included ensuring equitable access to technology and educational resources. Establishing and maintaining connections between school staff and students is paramount, and remains a guiding principle in our Remote Learning Plan.

The safety and well-being of students, families, and staff has been and will continue to be our top priority as an educational community. Beginning April 6th, as we enter the **second phase** of the BPS Remote Learning Plan, students and families will see more formal opportunities for active learning and engagement, as well as expanded opportunities to connect with all members of school staff to support well-being.

Families can expect the following as a result of the implementation of Phase 2 of our BPS Remote Learning Plan:

Week of April 6th

- Educators will continue with **daily office hours**, previously published to parents/guardians.
- Educators will **post assignments/activities** from the BPS Remote Learning Plan to either their **remote classroom platform or via email**.
- Educators will host at least **1 morning meeting/advisory (PreK-7)** of at least 20 minutes per week, either in real-time on or pre-recorded and uploaded to the platform the educator is most comfortable, starting the week of April 6.
- During the week of April 6, BPS will **publish expectations for active student engagement and work completion and submission**, effective April 13. Families will receive the expectations, including **grading policies**, via email from our Blackboard Connect system, and the expectations will be published on our COIV-19 page of the website (<https://www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/domain/1177>)

Week of April 13th

- All educators will have established **remote classroom platform for each class/section** of students for the purpose of posting assignments and activities.
- **All Barnstable High School students** will be expected to be actively engaged with **2 hours of student time per class/section per week**.



- All Barnstable students **in grades PreK-7 level** will be expected to engage with activities and assignments totaling no more than **14 hours per week**. Building principals will be communicating with parents and/or students regarding the distribution of the minutes.
- During the week of April 13, **all students will be expected to turn activities and assignments into the remote classroom platform.**
- Barnstable High School educators with **AP classes** will teach new material to AP and Project Lead the Way classes to prepare students appropriately for AP exams and Project Lead the Way course progression.
- **Educators will keep a log/record** of family/student communication for tracking purposes:
 - At the end of each week educators will report to the Deans of Students, Assistant Principal and/or Principal, as appropriate based on building, the names of students who, in the educator's professional judgement, are not actively engaged and/or visible during remote learning.

Additional learning opportunity for BHS students - Cape Cod Community College Dual Enrollment

Cape Cod Community College is offering a "Quick Term" dual enrollment opportunity for BHS students for \$225 per course. Four courses are available: English Composition I, Critical Reading & Thinking, Macroeconomics, and General Psychology. Additional information, including a registration form can be found on our COVID-19 tab on the BPS website at <https://www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/domain/1177>. Parents/guardians and students should contact their school counselor for registration information.

We understand that many homes are now crowded, busy, and include remote adult work and remote school work. More than ever, we appreciate our home-school partnerships, as communication is essential during this time. Families should expect frequent communication from their school principal(s), as we implement Phase 2 of the BPS Remote Learning Plan. Please know we value two-way communication, and we strongly encourage our parents to be in touch with school staff during this time. **Our schools are here to support BPS students and families in a multitude of ways.**

In closing, it is critically important, as we anticipate an increase in COVID-19, we play our part in flattening the curve. Please continue to emphasize with your children physical distancing requirements and the stay-at-home advisories from Governor Baker. Thank you for your ongoing efforts in keeping our community as healthy and as resilient as possible.

Be well,
Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown, Superintendent of Schools