



Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear BPS School Community,

We are grateful for your support, patience and offers of assistance as we navigate the impact of COVID-19, and our resulting school closure. We know many of you are wondering about plans to continue teaching and learning for BPS students. When we closed schools last Friday, we launched a district wide task force to address a number of areas that would be impacted by our closure. Our district task force has launched a number of subcommittees including food service, teaching and learning, special education and student support, facilities, communication and human resources.

This week we asked our educators and staff to consider their own needs, and needs of their loved ones, while we launched food services and the various subcommittees. The subcommittees have been meeting (virtually) this week to put plans in place as a result of our school closure. Our BPS educators, staff, and parents have shared their collective worry about students' learning loss over this period of time. The Teaching and Learning Subcommittee is diligently working to establish opportunities and learning expectations for all BPS students.

Please know that in the coming days we will communicate our formal BPS learning plan as soon as it is finalized. Meanwhile, we encourage our students to engage in well-being activities such as physical activity, reading, journaling, and other creative projects. Other ideas for well-being activities will be posted on our website beginning tomorrow. When our formal BPS learning plan is officially launched, families can expect to be notified through this Blackboard Connect system.

Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our community as safe and healthy as possible.

Sincerely,

Meg Mayo-Brown, Superintendent of Schools