

Good afternoon Team BCPS families and staff,

Please know that we miss you and we are working hard to prepare for new learning starting Monday, April 6.

This is not business as usual. Nothing can replace face-to-face interactions between students and our staff. Let me be clear; our continuity of learning plan can never replace great instruction with students on a daily basis and the culture of teaching and learning that occurs daily in our school buildings. My team and I have already begun to think about enrichment and supplemental activities during the summer and the start of the coming school year.

However, while school buildings are closed, our continuity of learning plan will provide materials and resources that students can use at home. Each student will be able to do the following: use print materials available on our website and in Schoology, contact teachers during weekday hours, and meet weekly online as a class. Students in Grades 3 through 12 will have the option to use digital resources.

For Grades 3 through 5, we have experienced a delay with our Chromebook distribution. Based on the governor's Stay at Home order and guidelines from the health department, we had to modify our original plans, and we'll provide an update as soon as we can.

As a reminder, students aged 18 and younger can pick up a free breakfast, lunch, and dinner on weekdays through Friday, April 24. However, please note that meals will not be distributed on two scheduled holidays: Good Friday, which is April 10, and Easter Monday, which is April 13.

Our [Coronavirus Updates webpage](#) includes:

- New today – [summary](#) of our continuity of learning plan
- New today – answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) from parents and the community (Frequently Asked Questions from staff are being answered on the BCPS News Hub, which is located on the intranet under Publications)
- [Meal sites](#)
- [Student Learning Resources](#)

Once again, we are here to support you. Keep checking our website for updates as they are available.

Finally, today is Census Day. Baltimore County could lose about \$1,800 in federal funding for every person who goes uncounted—including babies and children. You can take the [Census](#) online, by phone or by mail. Please take the Census so that we can get the resources we need.

Thank you and please stay safe!

Sincerely,

Darryl L. Williams

Superintendent