



March 24, 2020 – Update

Dear BASD Community Members,

I hope that every person in our school community is well and taking all necessary personal precautions to remain healthy during this COVID-19 pandemic. Our families feel the impact of this pandemic - socially, financially, and educationally. During this unprecedented time, we need to look out for each other. Our individual health depends on the good health of everyone in our community. Our emotional health depends on supporting each other by staying in touch via phone calls and social media. Please look out for each other. Together, we will overcome the current adversity.

Sincerely,

Joseph Roy, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

The Latest on the Governor's School Closure Order:

On March 23, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced that all schools in the Commonwealth would remain closed through at least April 6th. The closure order could be extended beyond April 6th if necessary. When the Secretary of Education determines that students can return to school - school personnel will be given two days to prepare to reopen. According to the current timeline, students will return to school on Thursday, April 9th. The following day, Friday, April 10th schools will be closed in observance of Good Friday. Schools will reopen again on Monday, April 13th. **Please note:** April 9th and April 13th were originally scheduled as spring break days. The above dates are tentative due to the potential that school will be ordered to remain closed beyond April 6th.

Teaching and Learning During Tier 5 (Extended School Closure) Mitigation Actions:

Our talented and dedicated teachers and principals are gearing up to begin on-line learning effective Monday, March 30th. As of March 30th, parents and students should rely on their teachers/principals to communicate with them and should check their *school's* website regularly. During this stressful time, our Tier 5 instructional philosophy for teachers, students, and parents is, "*in terms of detailed content -- less is more; in terms of positively engaging and connecting with students -- more is better*". We are keenly aware that the home resources available to students vary greatly. At the elementary and middle school levels, we will provide both on-line resources and hard copy learning packets. Learning packets will be available at our meal distribution sites: Nitschmann MS, Northeast MS, Broughal MS, East Hills MS, Marvine Elementary, Calypso Elementary, Fountain Hill Elementary and the Lynnfield Community Center between the hours of 10 am and 1 pm, weekdays. Additionally, if you have an elementary student and are in need of borrowing a Chromebook computer, you will have the opportunity to do so - information will be forthcoming from your principal.



Resources for Student and Parents:

We have pulled together information key information for parents/students at this link:

<https://www.basdschools.org/COVID-19>

You can find information on low or no cost internet connections from RCN and Service Electric, how to request tech assistance from our BASD Information Services Department as well as other past information posts from BASD.

Secondary Students and Parents should review this link for academic resources that will be critical to on-line learning available on each school's homepage.

Elementary Students and Parents should review this link for academic resources that will be critical to on-line learning available on each school's homepage.

