



Coronavirus Update 13- Executive Order Follow-up

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Greetings BSD Community,

Thank you for staying patient as we worked to gather more information regarding Governor Scott's **“Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order**. Here is what we have learned:

Student Meals - Our food services teams are considered essential employees through this order and we will continue with feeding students. The **meal times and menus on our site** remain accurate.

Child Care for Essential Persons - The AOE has left it up to individual districts to decide whether or not to continue to offer this service. A team of people worked around the clock to make sure we had staff and space ready to begin care today. As we have made these arrangements and believe health care providers, first responders, and other essential persons are now counting on us, we will continue to offer this free service to essential persons with students who are PreK-5th grades as long as we have staff willing to participate during this crisis. If you are in this category, please **complete this form** and our team will reach out to you to help begin care as soon as possible.

Continuity of Learning - We received word today that the executive order extends our school closure until at least April 15, 2020, the date the order is anticipated to be lifted.

While we do not know for sure when schools will be directed to re-open, we have been advised that school districts should begin planning for an extended period of school closure. We are being asked to follow the same continuity of **learning plan I sent yesterday**, continuing maintenance of learning until April 6th with more guidance from the AOE expected to come soon. We also expect guidance in the next week regarding whether or not this closure will affect things such as the last day of school or Spring Break.

Appreciation - Our direction from the AOE confirmed that several of our operations are considered essential in-person activities. I want to assure you that we are working hard to mitigate risks for our in-person employees during this time. Supervisors have been reviewing current schedules to make adjustments to allow for more physical distancing when possible. In addition, I have asked that staff not be assigned to work together unless absolutely necessary and that supervisors continue to encourage physical distancing. Most of our staff are working remotely or alone on site. **Please join me in thanking our food services team, afterschool staff, paras, property services teams, and others for stepping up, reporting to work in-person when necessary during this global pandemic.**

Thank you for reading and as always, please send me any questions or concerns.

Join the Journey,

Superintendent Obeng

Positive test results*	123
Total tests conducted	1,712
Deaths+	8
People being monitored	342

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