



Coronavirus Update 21

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Greetings BSD Community,

I hope this update finds you happy and healthy. Vermont continues to flatten the curve which brings us closer to an eventual opening of school. We have started to reflect on what school could be like when we reopen our buildings. Of course, at the same time, we are planning for possible virtual graduations and school ending activities. This week (May 8th was the date we were given) is when we expect to get direction from the AOE regarding a number of outstanding items, including guidance on end of year, graduation, and grade-advancement. Once we receive this direction, we can also determine things such as the end of the school year, summer school, early school year start, and recovery programs for lost instruction. Look for a longer update early next week.

In the meantime, while there have been no significant changes to Continuity of Learning or curriculum on a District-level this week, I do have a few reminders to share. Please see below.

Appreciation: First and foremost---- It is Teacher Appreciation Week!!! Please join me thanking our teachers for being everyday heroes for our children. Even before closure, we knew that our teachers were going above and beyond to support student achievement in BSD. And now in time of remote learning, I continue to hear stories of greatness. Below you will find photos of our teachers in action! Thank you teachers! And don't forget to check out [this special video](#) we created to show all of our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated.

Assessment: As a reminder, the AOE has issued general guidance related to "Assessment in a Remote Learning Environment." During this time, School Districts are required to:

- **Assess Student Learning-** Manage and monitor student learning and plan what's next for learning.
- **Check Student Learning-** Use a variety of strategies to monitor, assess, and provide feedback to students about their learning.
- **Make Instructional Adjustments-** Use formative assessment results to guide student reflection on effectiveness of instruction and to determine next steps for student learning.
- **Engage Families and Caregivers-** Communicate with and seek input from families and caregivers about assessment results in order to inform next steps. Provide translations as necessary.

Teachers have selected priority standards/proficiency and are implementing formative assessments in order to provide students and families with feedback about learning. Please check with your child's teacher if you have questions about their assessment plans.

Survey: As part of our Continuity of Learning plan, the state has asked us to survey parents about our work. Please look for this survey later this week or early next week. Every answer will help us.

Toys, Books, and Toiletries: Thanks to a great partnership with the King Street Center and the generosity of WowToyz in Vergennes, Courtyard Burlington Harbor, & Fletcher Free Library, our free meals sites (which are serving 8,000 meals a week!) are now also serving as locations to hand out FREE toys, books, and toiletries. Visit our [coronavirus website](#) to learn more about how to access these generous donations.

Thanks for reading,
Superintendent Obeng

PHOTOS! (Barb's Happy Kids at Champlain, C.P. Smith K teacher Lynn Slack and students, Ms. Schwerin SA, Andrea Farley at IAA, BTC's Bob Couillard and EES Betsy Nolan at the 2019 UVM VT Outstanding Teacher Awards, Janelle Gendimenico from BHS, and Lilly Foster's Pre-K classroom). *Thank you teachers for all you do!*



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