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Dear Bessemer City Schools,

Governor Kay Ivey and State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey announced today that students will not be returning to the traditional school setting during the 2019-2020 school year. This decision was made to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and to preserve the safety of our students, staff, and faculty.

In anticipation of this, your Bessemer City School District leaders have been working on an academic plan that is appropriate for our students to finish the year. We are implementing a hybrid-based academic plan, which will include a combination of packet completion and digital learning. At the direction of state leaders, students will begin this work on April 6th.

All departments and principals in Bessemer City Schools have been working around the clock, including spring break, to have everything prepared for students. You will receive further instruction from your principals in the coming days on how and where to pick up devices, packets, and how to complete e-learning.

If you are having any difficulty accessing the Internet, this offer from Charter may be an option:

Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call [1-844-488-8395](tel:1-844-488-8395). Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

Regarding graduation, we appreciate the hard work our students have done this year, and we continue working on a viable option for seniors to capture this important moment. You will hear from us as soon as graduation details are finalized.

Until then, stay safe, positive, and focused. Thank you for your patience and your optimism as we move through this together.

Sincerely,
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Superintendent, Bessemer City Schools