



# Brigantine Public School District

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Dear Brigantine Families,

## **School Closure Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

- Over the weekend, several districts in Atlantic County and entire counties throughout the State have made the decision to close schools. The Governor has indicated that closing schools statewide is imminent.
- On Saturday, March 14th Atlantic County Superintendents, along with the Director of the Atlantic County Department of Health (DOH) and the Atlantic County Executive Superintendent of Schools, participated in a conference call and discussed information provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Health. On Sunday, March 15th, we reconvened to further discuss, as information is changing by the minute.
- In an effort to join together to mitigate the spread of COVID19, **we have made the decision to close schools effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020.** The closure will last until Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that this schedule is subject to change based on new information or direction from the government.**
- This means that school is **opened Monday, March 16, 2020.** While you may be tempted to keep your child(ren) home, *we strongly encourage you to have your child attend school.* Our administrators, teachers, and staff will be providing students with additional guidance and reassurance about the closure. We believe this will help the children with this unprecedented school closing.

Beginning March 17th, there will be minimal personnel in the building. Our outstanding custodial crew have and will continue to clean and disinfect the building. **No one will be admitted into the building except essential personnel.**

Please know that our submitted Educational Preparedness Plan for the days ahead has been approved by the NJDOE, which they will submit for a waiver. **With that said, we have been informed that the days ahead will count towards the required 180 days.**

As stated before, our educational plan will allow us to provide services to our students by online connections and/or paper packets. Grades Pre K-2 received paper packets this past Friday. If your child was absent, he/she will receive the packet Monday, March 16th. Grades 3-8 will continue to use online

applications, which they have been using throughout the school year. Teacher websites will be updated, and they will continue to notify you of lessons. **PLEASE** remain calm and understand that this will be an adjustment for all families. Our staff will guide you through this, and remain flexible and empathetic, as we understand that families have work and obligations. We view this as a learning opportunity to expand our instructional techniques moving forward and to make our community connection even stronger. If there was ever a moment for all of us to work collectively, and calmly as one, now is the time.

Another part of our required plan to the NJDOE is that we provide food services to eligible students. Our Nutri-Service staff will prepare meals for eligible students. Specifics regarding breakfast/lunch will also be provided on Monday to families that qualify for free/reduced meals.

As I stated before, we understand that heightened concerns, rumors and fear are abundant, but I am confident that this community will not only work together to ensure the education of our students, but most importantly their safety, health, and welfare. This is our time to work together mentally, physically and spiritually for the betterment of all.

Our staff will be in contact with you and we will continue to update our school community as new information becomes available. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date on the Parent Portal to receive any phone calls and emails.

The district will publish any updates on the main school website, as well as on the following social media sites:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/brigschools>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrigSchools-611160075744513/>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours In Education,

*Glenn*

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