

# **Bloomington Board of Education**

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Today, the Passaic County Interim Executive Superintendent of Schools approved the Bloomington Public Schools Contingency Operation Plan for the closure of our district schools. This afternoon, faculty members were given a status report on the information available, including the fact that the Pequannock Township Health Department had not recommended the closure of our schools and the fact that several other Passaic County schools were remaining open. Late in the afternoon, the district received word that the Governor was not issuing an Executive order, but rather the NJDOE was permitting “flexibility” for superintendents and boards of education to make closure decisions in the best interests of their students and staff.

Therefore, effective Monday, March 16, 2020, **all Bloomington Public Schools will be closed** and will initiate their respective distance learning plans effective on that date up to and including March 27, 2020. On or before that date, we will reassess the situation and provide you with an update.

All district field trips, after school, and evening activities have been cancelled through April 12, 2020. Aftercare programs at Martha B. Day and Samuel R. Donald Schools are cancelled until April 12.

For those families who participate in our lunch program, you will be able to stop by the cafeteria at Martha B. Day School beginning Monday from 11:30AM until 12:45PM to “grab and go” a nutritious lunch and bottle of water.

Faculty will be present at their respective schools on Monday to finalize their distance learning plans and provide paper copies to those who need them. If anyone has left materials in school, they may stop by from 9AM until noon. Starting Tuesday, faculty and staff will not be present in their respective schools.

We recognize the inconvenience this decision places on many families, and apologize for the delay in communicating this to our families. Please know that the Bloomington Board of Education President, Mayor, and Chief of Police were promptly notified once this decision was made, along with our transportation and food service personnel.

Important Information:

1. If you completed the Technology Survey and don't have your mobile device, please contact your respective school Monday morning to pick it up.
2. School district offices will remain open on an abbreviated schedule during this period of closure.
3. School Principals will be available via email to address any questions or concerns.
4. Faculty are expected to be available via remote learning methods and may communicate with your child during their respective school schedules. Please be cognizant that they may be unavailable during their lunch and/or prep period so please be patient if they do not respond immediately.

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5. Please telephone into your child's respective school absence hotline to report a child sick and/or absent. Part of our approved plan requires us to monitor daily attendance of students and faculty.
6. For students in WTB, please be sure to check your teacher's webpage for assignments within Google Classroom.
7. Students in MBD and SRD have been provided logons for the MobyMax learning platform.
8. The Board of Education meeting scheduled for March 18, 2020 at 7PM will be held as scheduled.

As I previously reported, our schools *have not* been impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19). If you suspect your child has been in contact with a person who may have the virus, or if they display any of the symptoms, please contact your school nurse or the Pequannock Township Health Department.

In closing, I would like to thank the dedicated professionals of our Bloomington Public Schools who provide an exceptional education for your children. If at any time you require assistance or have questions, please contact them utilizing email.

I apologize again for the late notice; however, these have been exceptional times in our nation and community. I wish the best of health to you and your families, and look forward to the return of our students to their respective schools in a few short weeks.

Sincerely,

***Frank Verducci***

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