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Good Afternoon Bristol Public Schools Community,

We hope Week Two finds all of our students, staff, and families feeling well and settling into remote learning. This communication will review the goals and milestones we will achieve this week. As you know, we needed to move Chromebook distribution to Tuesday, March 24, 2020, due to the weather. Thank you for your patience with this change in date.

Once families have secured a device we will be able to ensure all of our students have access to the learning activities and lessons within the Continuation of Learning Plans that are posted to our website. In addition, starting next week, students will be able to access the next round of virtual learning opportunities. When you pick up a device and if you need assistance in accessing the internet, please contact the technology hotline number provided in your Chromebook bag.

We are on Day Six of learning in what we are calling *Phase One*. This week parents and guardians should expect that teachers will begin calling or emailing their scholars daily to let them know that *Phase Two* of distance learning will begin on Monday, March 30th, 2020. Bristol Public Schools Continuation of Learning *Phase 2 materials* will be available through our website and via links we will send out to the community on **Friday, March 27, 2020**. All work will be assessed in a variety of ways and in communication with your child's teacher.

What will happen during *Phase Two* of distance learning?

- Beginning March 30, 2020, our Continuation of Learning plans are designed to bring students forward in their learning progression and are not optional.
- Activities within the Continuation of Learning plans will be reviewed by their teacher and **feedback will be given.**
- Teachers will be checking daily on students' participation and will contact families if children are not able to participate to help to resolve any access issues.

What about the work completed during *Phase One* from March 13th to March 27th?

Teachers will gather information about how your child has done so far on tasks and activities by email or phone. This will occur throughout this week. Teachers will begin to reach out to families by email or phone between March 25th and March 27, 2020.

How will teachers interact with my scholar during *Phase Two* (March 30th -April 9th) of Bristol Public Schools Continuation of Learning?

- Teachers will connect to your scholar daily through a 'Check-out' learning survey.
- Teachers will review responses daily and provide feedback.
- Teachers will monitor student participation and progress on a daily basis.

Phase Two Continuation of Learning materials are meant to be asynchronous; meaning students can complete the activities and lessons at any time. However, students must respond on a daily basis to their teacher through the ‘Check-out’ learning survey by 11:59 p.m.

While your scholar will be busy settling into *Phase Two* lessons and activities, teachers will be preparing for *Phase Three*, which will be a complete transition to Google Classroom for Grades 3-12 and implementation of the Seesaw Learning Platform for our Pre K-Grade 2 scholars. Seesaw will help us work together to provide students with meaningful learning experiences at home. We will use Seesaw to share learning activities and resources, capture your child’s learning and communicate about student progress and needs. Professional learning will be occurring remotely for all PreK-12 staff to prepare for *Phase Three*.

News for this week - March 23 - 27, 2020

- **Chromebook Distribution** - Occurring at all schools Tuesday, March 24, 2020 (date change due to weather).
- **We are Bristol Public Schools! We are Bristol, All Heart! District and City Community Pride Activity** - Use the attached Bristol All Heart Activity coloring page and place it in your front window to show we care about each other, our neighbors, those in town we have never met, and our doctors, nurses, and first responders.
- **BOE Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020** - The updated BOE Budget for the 2020-21 school year will be presented. This meeting will be held via the WebEx meeting platform beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- **Board of Finance Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020** - The BOE will present the 2020-21 BOE Recommended Budget. This meeting will be held via the WebEx meeting platform beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- **Show We Care and Miss Our Scholars Car Parade**
On Friday, March 27th beginning at 3:00 p.m. our teachers, administrators, and staff will drive through various neighborhoods. Students if they choose to, can come outside and see their teacher or principal. We are asking that children wave from the front stoop or window and only come outside if they have permission from their guardian. All participants will be in single-occupant cars.

We are Bristol Public Schools! We are Bristol All Heart! We are all in this together.

In partnership,



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