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Good Afternoon Bristol Public Schools Community,

We are closing out the week with two separate communications. One will be this communication from Mike (Dr. Dietter) and I and the other will be a detailed message from your child's principal regarding the distribution of Chromebooks at each respective school.

Before I get into the details of this communication, I first need to recognize some of the most important people helping us through this transition...and that is YOU, our parents and guardians. You have been amazing. We cannot thank you enough for all that you are doing from assisting your child, to finding a rhythm for your own new normal of juggling home and work to managing all the information we are sending you. You are doing an awesome job handling all of this. You are asking thoughtful questions and your consistent communication is helpful. We thank you!

This communication is another reminder for families needing a device. We have prepared devices for families in need and ask that families bear with us and allow only those families without devices first availability. If your child has access to a device and internet capabilities via a phone, tablet, laptop, or gaming system (the system can get to the internet) **you will not** need a device for your child.

The distribution process is as follows:

- Report to your child's school between 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020;
- All devices will be distributed one at a time at the entry of the door;
- Bring a valid picture ID for verification and a pen to sign the Chromebook loan agreement.
- Only students enrolled in Bristol Public Schools will be allotted a device;
- Only one device will be allotted per household;
- ***While we are distributing devices, we will use safety measures to keep our families and staff safe and healthy;***

Questions and answers from the past few days:

When is the last day of school?

At this time, based on information from the Connecticut State Department of Education districts were asked to immediately provide continuity of educational opportunities for students and may end the school year at their regularly scheduled end date, therefore our last day of school will be Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Will there be an April break?

Yes, April 10, 2020 (Good Friday) to April 17, 2020.

How is my child's teacher communicating with me or my child?

Right now communications are through email to you or your child and in some cases through the Remind App.

Are you in need of translation services?

Please call 860-584-7865.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge another group of individuals who have worked tirelessly to safely get our devices ready for distribution. Our Technology Team and our school based Technology Lead led by Jill Browne and our partners at the City, led by Scott Smith have answered every demand we have placed on them with grace and a happy heart. This truly has been a team effort and we thank them for their assistance and commitment to ensuring equity for all of our families.

All of our collective efforts have made our "new normal" possible. We are Bristol Public Schools! We are Bristol All Heart! We are all in this together.

Sincerely,



Catherine M. Carbone, Superintendent

Sincerely,



Michael Dietter, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent