

March 17, 2020

Dear Bristol Township School District Families,

Our first concern is the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. Please stay safe and well by following the guidelines from our [health department](#).

Beginning Tuesday, March 17, the district will be administering a food assistance program for all students. Detailed instructions on this program may be found on the district website at [BTSD Food Service](#).

Please remember that the most important thing you can do with your child is to engage in important conversations about what is happening and how to process it. [Please click here](#) for resources for social-emotional development and things you can do to make this time at home productive and comfortable for everyone.

Bristol Township School District is sharing educational resources from current curricula, as well as additional sites for parents and students to utilize during the COVID-19 school closure. The resources listed on our website are currently used by your child in school. At this time, no assignments will be graded and they are not mandatory. The available resources are not meant to replace instructional time and work completed will not count as school assignments. We will update information as necessary. [Click here](#) or look under "Parents" on the district homepage.

Free Internet is available. Comcast is providing their \$9.99 internet access at home for low-income families for FREE for the next two months to help students who may be out of school. Information can be found [here](#).

As a reminder, all Bristol Township District campuses and buildings are closed and secured. We will continue to provide resources, information, and district communication about COVID-19 [on our website](#).

The coming weeks will continue to challenge us as a community and as a nation. We have said it many times, but we are deeply grateful for the support of our families and the entire Bristol Township School District community. Please continue to care for one another and reach out to those who are vulnerable. Please continue to check the website for updates. Please make sure your contact information is up to date see the website for directions.

In the days that follow, we ask that you continue to use social distancing and common-sense strategies to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. You may be interested in [this article](#) that does a great job of explaining how outbreaks "spread exponentially" and what we can do to "flatten the curve."

Again, thank you for your support.

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Superintendent of Schools