

# BERLIN BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Berlin Borough School District as a whole, like many other districts, needed today to complete the proper professional development and to ensure both the staff and students are prepared for what is anticipated to be an extended period of remote learning. Today was a successful day of preparation, and in light of the developments including the Governor's mandated closing of all schools, and state imposed curfews, I am confident that we can successfully begin our remote learning tomorrow, **March 17, 2020**. Today also provided the students with the opportunity to take home necessary items for learning during the upcoming weeks.

The Board Meeting scheduled for March 18, 2020 will still take place. There will not be a Student of the Month Recognition at this meeting. The students will be recognized at a later date.

Remote Teaching and Learning Timeline	
<b>March 17</b>	<b>First Day of Remote Teaching and Learning</b>
April 6	First Day of Spring Break Begins (no instruction required)
April 13	Last Day of Spring Break (no instruction required)
April 17	Last Day of Remote Teaching and Learning
April 20*	Students and Teachers return to campus for Teaching and Learning

\*Any and all changes will be reported via the district website and email.

You can access our remote teaching and learning plan through the following link: [BCS RTL Plan](#). Teachers will email and post more details about the plans specific to their classes. Remote teaching will be conducted every scheduled school day. Different online platforms may be used as well as paper-based instruction.

Students and staff will return to school on April 20, 2020. This may change as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak in New Jersey. Contemplating weeks without a regular school routine can be overwhelming. Please know that we are doing our very best to make decisions that are in the best interest of our entire school community. By working together, we can all help our community stay healthy and safe.

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Lunch and Technology	
Lunch	For students that qualify for free or reduced meals, there will be breakfast and lunch grab and go bags available. The meals will be available Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and Thursday, March 19, 2020. Starting the week of March 23, 2020, meals will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. There will be two (2) days worth of breakfast and lunch in each bag. The pick up spot will be right outside of the elementary entrance. In the event any qualifying families cannot get to the school, please call or email us and we will make arrangements.
Technology	We are going through the technology survey previously sent out and reaching out to those that are in need of devices. Comcast is currently offering two (2) months of free internet access for anyone in need of at home connectivity. In the event the use of technology is impossible for a family, we will provide the necessary materials in paper form.

ALL SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS ARE CANCELED	
Extra and Co-Curricular Programs	
PALS	There will be no PALS Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through April 17, 2020. PALS is scheduled to resume on April 20, 2020.
CER	All CER events are suspended as of Monday, March 16, 2020. CER events will either be rescheduled or parents will receive a refund. Rescheduling will depend on availability when on-site teaching and learning resumes.
Sports	All Sports are suspended as of Monday, March 16, 2020. Sports will either be rescheduled or parents will receive a refund of their participation fee. Rescheduling will depend on availability when on-site teaching and learning resumes.
Field Trips	Field trips will either be rescheduled or parents will receive a refund. Rescheduling will depend on availability when on-site teaching and learning resumes.

We thank you for your patience, support and understanding as we continue to work through this difficult situation.

Respectfully,

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