Dear BWRSD families,

Week 2 of distance learning has come to a close. BWRSD is grateful for the collective efforts of our community in making distance learning a success. I hope that you and your children will spend Friday resting, recharging your batteries, and getting ready to return to distance learning on Monday.

Today’s update has information about the following topics:
- Distance learning calendar
- Grab and Go Distribution and Free and Reduced meal application
- School based virtual parent meetings
- Kids Links for students in need of support
- Additional Resources for families
- Tech support for students

No Distance Learning for Students - Friday, April 3, 2020
BWRSD will be adopting a modified school calendar following the request of Governor Raimondo to have consistency throughout the state. **Friday, April 3, 2020, and Friday, April 17, 2020,** will be strategic pause days for staff. There will be no distance learning instruction on those days. Staff will use those days to work with colleagues. Additionally, **Thursday, April 9, 2020, and Friday, April 10, 2020,** BWRSD will be “closed” to provide all members of the BWRSD community a break for an extended weekend. **These days are considered part of the 180 day school calendar and do not need to be made up.**

Updates to Grab and Go Distribution
Grab and Go Meals will be available for students tomorrow, **Friday, April 3, 2020,** from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m., even though there will be no distance learning for students. This is a work day for all staff and meals will be available for pick-up at all three locations.

Students will be able to pick up meals for both Thursday, April 9, 2020 AND Friday, April 10, 2020 on Thursday April 9, 2020. Please follow this link to go to our website to complete a Free and Reduced Price meals form. It is electronic and takes a few minutes to complete. This will ensure your student has access for the remainder of the school year to this resource while we are implementing distance learning.

School Based Virtual Community Meetings
Individual principals will be sending out a notice to ask if anyone is interested in joining an upcoming school based virtual community meeting during our distance learning. Please look out for this communication from your principal.

Kids Link Support for Families
Kids Link is a hotline that operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Parents can call **1-855-543-5465** when their child is feeling excessive anger or sadness; lashing out at siblings, friends and adults; having severe worries; or hurting him or herself or others.

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Additional Resources for Families
Below is an additional resource shared with us in regards to helping children cope with changes resulting from COVID-19.


BWRSD Online Tech Support for Families
Please continue to email BWRSDTech@BWRSD.org for support during this time of Distance Learning. The email account is accessible 24 hours per day, and you can expect a response within 1 school day. The most common issue for not being able to access apps such as STEMscopes is that they may not be going in through CLEVER or that families need to have students login to the Chrome browser with their BWRSD credentials. Here are directions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan T. Brice
Superintendent of Schools

******************************Previously Provided Information******************************

Please visit our Distance Learning Plan/COVID-19 Info page on our website for all previous BWRSD Community Updates and other helpful information.

BWRSD Community Update 3.31.20
BWRSD Community Update 3.27.20
BWRSD Community Update 3.26.20
BWRSD Community Update 3.24.20
BWRSD Community Update 3.20.20
BWRSD Community Update 3.18.20 (English)
BWRSD Community Update 3.18.20 (Portuguese)
BWRSD Distance Learning FAQs
Notice re Meal Access During Closure. March 17.2020
BWRSD Community Update 3.13.20