

Bennington Public Schools

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Parents & Students,

Since school will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, Bennington Schools, beginning on April 6th, will transition into distance learning. The phrase "distance learning" simply means our students will be studying and working from home rather than actually attending school on our campus. Online resources will be available on the school website beginning April 6th, and we will be delivering packets to all students on Tuesday, April 7th. We will be driving our bus routes on April 7th and delivering these packets to all of our students. We will also deliver breakfast and lunch to our students while we are making our bus rounds, so we want to see all of our students on our bus routes Tuesday, April 7th. We will be delivering these meals and packets between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., so please make sure someone is available at your home to receive the food and packets!

These packets will contain enrichment materials for three weeks of student learning. For precautionary reasons, we will **NOT** be collecting and grading these packets; students will receive the grades they earned as of March 11th. Students in grades 7—12 who wish to raise their grades will need to email their individual teachers about opportunities to do so. We have determined that no students will be retained this year, with the exception of those students whose parents have already requested that their students be retained.

Meals will **NOT** be served at the school on April 7th—meals will be handed out by bus delivery only. If your child does not normally ride a bus, please help us out by calling the school and telling us how to deliver your child's food and packet! You also may message us on Facebook, so please help us help you!

Our plan is to deliver meals and a second and final packet on Tuesday, April 21st, so please remember this date also. April 7th and April 21st are the only two days we will be delivering meals rather than serving meals at the school.

We know our parents and students will have many questions about the details of distance learning. In our packets, we are providing you a list of all teachers and their email addresses, and we want email to be our primary source of communication. All of our teachers will be answering emails each morning, and we encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher(s) so that we can best provide for each child's instructional needs. Our teachers will be able to answer your questions, and our teachers will also have some great recommendations for online resources you can use if you have Internet capability at your home.

Bennington Schools will find a way to help our parents and students in any way we can, so please call the school if you need additional help.

Thank you for your patience and your continued support of Bennington Schools!


Pamela Reynolds, Superintendent



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