April 24, 2020

Dear BSD Families and Staff,

The coronavirus pandemic has changed all of our daily lives in immeasurable ways and presented us with challenges none of us anticipated at the start of this school year. However, our most important responsibility – to ourselves, to our loved ones, and to our community – is to stay healthy at home.

To that end, Governor Carney announced today that all public and charter schools across Delaware will remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. This is of course not the news we were hoping to hear, as it means we will not have face-to-face instruction or activities this spring. This was not an easy decision for the Governor to make. We are all disappointed and saddened by this outcome but know it is the right one to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families.

On April 6, we presented two calendars for the remainder of the school year. Per the Governor’s new order, we will follow the calendar with the subtitle *In Case of Remote Learning for the Remainder of the Year*. The last day for seniors will be May 29 (unchanged), June 2 will be a remote learning day, the last day of school for students in grades PK-11 and SITE program will be June 18, and the last teacher day will be June 22. We will continue to provide remote instruction until then and encourage families to keep their children engaged in these activities. We will also continue to provide Meals To Go on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

We understand you have unanswered questions right now, and we are doing our best to anticipate and answer them. As always, we will continue to communicate as we learn more and will keep the District website updated. There are resources in three areas: the Remote Learning channel (everything related to instruction delivery), the COVID-19 section in the Families channel (health-related information and other non-learning resources), and the COVID-19 section in the Staff channel, which requires a staff login.

To the Class of 2020, we know how disappointing this is for you in particular. As promised in our communication last week, your principal will be sending a short survey to you regarding prom and commencement. Please look for it later today and reply with your thoughts by 5 p.m. on April 29. We promise we are working hard to create special memories for you during this last spring of your high school career.

Once again, thank you all for your patience, understanding, and flexibility. We will get through this together. Please continue to stay safe, practice social distancing, remain at home as much as possible, and most importantly stay healthy. Know that we miss you and can’t wait until we can all be together again – safely.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Hohler
Superintendent