

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 23, 2020

Good Evening,

Today marked our first day of Distance Learning in the Bolton Public Schools. I want to thank our dedicated teachers and administrators who have worked tirelessly to roll this out today to provide a continuity of learning for our students. I also want to thank our parents and students who are also working very hard to make this shift work. I know that this is a big change for everyone. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child/children's teacher(s) via email or by phone with any questions or concerns. Your child/children's teachers and administrators are here to assist you.

Governor Lamont announced today that schools will be closed until Monday, April 20, 2020. I want to share again that we will be having April vacation, from Friday, April 10th (Good Friday) through Friday, April 17th. I believe by that point our teachers, administrators, staff, students, and parents will need time away from emails, technology, and distance learning at home.

Just a reminder we will continue to offer breakfast and lunch "Grab n' Go" meals during the closure. This is available to any Bolton family with children up to age 18. This week, as we move to offer breakfast and lunch meals to everyday of the week we will be providing three (3) breakfast and lunch meals on Wednesday and two (2) breakfast and lunch meals on Friday. Beginning next week, we will move to two (2) breakfast and lunch meals on Mondays, two (2) breakfast and lunch meals on Wednesdays, and three (3) breakfast and lunch meals on Fridays at Bolton High School between 8:00 – 9:00 AM. Please be sure to follow the following protocol:

1. Line up in cars on the side of Bolton High School next to the cafeteria.
2. Please **Do Not Leave** your vehicle or enter the building.
3. Tell us how many children in your care that need meals.
4. Wait in vehicle with trunk or rear door open and staff will place meals in your vehicle.
5. Staff **Will Not** put meals through an open front window.

Governor Lamont has also announced a new initiative called "Stay Safe, Stay at Home" that all are encouraged to follow. The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development has released guidelines outlining the statewide closure of all non-essential, in-person business functions and more information on this can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD>.

Please remember to wash your hands, keep commonly touched surfaces clean, practice social distancing, avoid public gatherings of over 10 people consistent with CDC recommendations, and if you do not feel well, please call your doctor. For more information on COVID-19 please go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Together we can make a difference in the spread of this disease. Thank you for everything you are doing to stop the spread of Coronavirus and to keep our community safe.

Stay safe and be well,

Kristin B. Heckt
Superintendent of Schools