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Dear Parents/Guardians of BTPS Students,

We are nearing our 20th day of our BTPS Learning Continuity Plan! This time has flown by for some and for others it seems like it has been a bit long. It is amazing to see the growth that has happened in terms of our ability to connect with students and families remotely. We have asked our staff to share the learning journey with students through our Superintendent's Memo at www.btps.ca and using the social media hashtags #btps28 and #ABLearningAtHome. The videos of course content, the calls/videos to provide support and the use of social media to stay connected on a personal level with students is beyond belief. We are so proud of the efforts by our staff to connect! It is incredible to see the number of posts and the fantastic work that is being done in BTPS!

Delivery of programming has been made through some paper based sharing with the continued support of our bus drivers. We want to thank them for all of their help. A large majority of the teacher/student interaction has been through the use of on-line tools. Seesaw and Hapara have been our two most popular choices for delivery. With Seesaw alone we have 3,483 student portfolios in 380 different classes. Since we began our BTPS Learning Continuity Plan in March, there have been 33,720 pieces of student work added and 14,620 comments made by teachers on that work. That is incredible! Even more impressive is that we have seen 33,512 visits by families to student portfolios. We are so pleased that our parents have committed to using this valuable resource to support their children's learning at home. Only a few months ago we were engaged in discussions about how we might continue learning when buses could not run due to cold weather. Our experience with COVID-19 has allowed us to see that we have the tools and the ability to do so!

We have all had to work very hard to arrive where we are now. Unfortunately, our work is far from over. During the next week, we will all set our BTPS Learning Continuity Plan to the side and take a well-deserved Easter Break. We hope that the weather will cooperate and we can spend a little more of our time out-of-doors, while being mindful to the two meter physical distancing and good hygiene practices that have allowed us to flatten the curve. When we come out of this, **and we will come out of this**, we will have learned a great deal about our abilities to endure challenges for the greater good. I want to thank you all for your time, energy, and commitment to making this the best possible experience.

Take care, be safe and Happy Easter!

Bob Allen
Superintendent

Lanie Parr
Board Chair