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RE: COVID-19 Update

To Parents/Guardians of BTPS Students,

Good afternoon everyone. First of all, I want to thank all of you for your patience as we work through a very challenging time. Today we have been working as a team to put processes in place to support our students during the school closure ordered by the Government of Alberta.

A part of our day was in conversation with Alberta Education and many other school jurisdictions. Together, we are developing a provincial plan to ensure that quality educational programming is provided to our students, even though our schools are not accessible right now. Alberta Education has committed to share those plans by the end of next week or sooner.

Another part of our day was spent with the leadership team of BTPS determining the next steps that we will take. We know that the short notice did not allow your children the opportunity to take their personal possessions home with them. As well, some of the learning resources that they might be able to use are still at school. Over the next four days, your child's school will be in contact with you to provide a time between now and March 20<sup>th</sup> for you to come to the school and pick those items up. This is a coordinated approach, as we have to respect the social distancing expectations set out by the Province and limit the number of people in the school at any one time.

We know that you have many more questions and we are committed to providing you updates on a regular basis when new information is available.

All that we are doing is focused on keeping you, your family and your community safe in what is an unprecedented time in our province's history.

Thank you for your understanding,

Bob Allen  
Superintendent

Lanie Parr  
Board Chair