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Dear Parents of BTPS Students,

Thank you for your patience as we work out the details of our plan to continue learning for our students because of our school buildings being closed until further notice. Today, we received information from Alberta Education that confirmed plans we were making are aligned with the direction that is required. Their document can be found [here](#).

Your school will be in touch with you on Monday to let you know specific information on how learning will move forward for your child. We plan to start offering programming to our students on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Teachers will work with students and parents on the delivery of learning materials.

Our plan for **teacher directed learning** will be:

**Kindergarten - Grade 3:** Education content will focus on language/literacy and mathematics/numeracy programming. Teachers will assign an average of five hours per student per week.

**Grades 4-6:** Education content will focus on language/literacy and mathematics/numeracy programming. There will be some science and social studies incorporated into the learning through cross-curricular learning. Teachers will assign an average of five hours of work per week per student.

**Grades 7-9:** Education content will focus on core mathematics, language/literacy, science and social studies curriculum outcomes. Teachers will assign an average of 10 hours of work per student per week.

**Grades 10-12:** Education content will focus on specified and core courses required for high school graduation requirements including language, social studies, mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics. Content from other courses will be delivered where possible and accommodations for students unable to complete courses are in place. Teachers will assign an average of three hours of work per course per week.

Learning will continue in a few formats across the division to accommodate all of our students in the way that they learn best. We will be delivering learning online, through paper-based materials, and phone calls.

Each of our students will receive a final grade and will receive a report card appropriate to their grade level. Students on track to receive 100 or more credits will still be eligible to graduate and receive a high school diploma.

All Grade 6 and 9 provincial achievement tests and Grade 12 diploma exams are cancelled. School based marks will stand as final marks. If there are students wishing to write a diploma exam, they need to speak to their teacher and principal.

With the cooperation of our bus drivers, we have arranged for the pick-up and delivery of student learning packages between your child's school and your home for students who live outside of town/village limits and are registered on a current bus route. This service is not available for those who live within town/village limits. Your bus contractor/driver and your school will determine what day of the week and time this will occur. Your bus driver will contact you directly to confirm this pick-up and delivery service if you require it. You will need to determine a location that will work for both of you. Envelopes will be provided and we would ask that you use them to transfer material back and forth.

We know that this is a new process for everyone and we are all learning how this will work for us over the next few weeks. Alberta Education has provided a very helpful [Question and Answer Document](#) that may help. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the learning for your child, please reach out to your school for clarity.

Thank you again for all your support and patience as we work on a plan to have learning continue in BTPS. We will continually monitor and assess this plan, with a commitment to make adjustments as they are required. We are working very hard to make this the best possible learning experience for your children.

Take care,



Bob Allen  
Superintendent



Lanie Parr  
Board Chair