

# **Bellefonte Area School District**

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**Dear Bellefonte Area School District Families:**

We hope you and your family are doing well! We truly appreciate all that you are doing to help us provide the best remote educational experience that we can for your children. As we enter our last month of school, we would like to provide some information about the plans we are making.

## **Continuity of Education Plan and Calendar Update**

The Planned Instruction requirements are the same this week as last week. Teachers will be introducing new content from the curriculum in the core areas, as well as providing review and enrichment activities, and including these assignments on the Choice Boards. Google Classroom is the online teaching and learning platform. Families who do not have stable internet access or have difficulty accessing the online instruction, assignments and assessments should contact their child's teacher for assistance and options for alternative plans.

Looking ahead, our Planned Instruction and Choice Boards will be similar to the previous weeks during the weeks of May 18th and May 25th, although we will be observing Memorial Day and no teaching will occur on that day. During the week of June 1st, Choice Boards may include some assignments and activities that do not require as much technology, as this will be our last full week of school. Following the approved school calendar, the last student day of the 2019 - 2020 school year will be June 9th. Teachers may provide some review or enrichment activities for students to do over the summer months, as we have done in the past.

## **Plans for Returning Students' Belongings to Students**

The principals in each of our schools have formulated plans to return students' belongings from their lockers, desks, and classrooms. Your child's principal will be sending details of these plans for pick-up to parents and families today or tomorrow. Please watch for the email that will provide more information from him/her.

## **Plans for Returning School Materials back to the Schools**

Looking ahead, the principals are also working on plans for students/parents/families to return educational items to their schools at the close of the school year in June. Students will need to return chromebooks, textbooks, calculators and other educational materials back to their schools before June 10th. Each principal will be sending detailed information about the return plans in the next few weeks.

## **More Available Information**

As a reminder, a lot of information about BASD's response to Covid-19 can be found on the district's website ([www.basd.net](http://www.basd.net)), and specifically on the Covid-19 page (<https://www.basd.net/Page/14929>). Information about our Continuity of Education plan, previous letters and notifications and parent and family resources can be found on this page, also.

**In closing**, we sincerely appreciate your patience and support as we make our best effort to support students, academically, socially, and emotionally, now and always. Please know that we understand many of our families are under a great deal of stress and may feel overwhelmed by the demands of remote learning. As we have indicated from the beginning, we fully believe that families come first. We only ask that students do the best they can in our planned instruction activities. We truly understand. If your child(ren) or family needs support or help that we can provide or you have concerns or you need more information, please contact your child's principal or teacher.

We truly miss our students, and we can't wait until we are together again. We hope your families are safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Tammie L. Burnaford  
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