

BBE Community:

I hope this note finds you adjusting to a very different schedule and time this week. We have had some great work being done this week by our entire school staff from our paras, teachers, food service, bus drivers and administration. Our teachers have been reconstructing their courses to ensure we are able to instruct, accommodate and individualize our instruction for each learner throughout the remainder of the school year, whether we are in the building or in a Distance Learning (DL) model. It is heartening to hear from our shared staff that you can really tell that BBE is ready to make this transition compared to other districts they work in. Remember, we are #bold #boundless #engaged; we are BBE!

We have had a busy week planning a Distance Learning Model that we will be posting online by next Friday. After today, we are working with the intention that we will begin teaching under the [Distance Learning Model on Tuesday, March 31](#). We are working on ways to teach, take attendance, provide interventions and interact with our students if and when we are not in the building. This is not what we do on a normal basis, so it is a bit of a new exercise.

We assume that all of you have been fully informed about our meal plan in the last week. Our numbers have really increased later in the week. Thanks for your responses. If you are still interested in getting involved in the daily meal plan, please contact your school building Monday morning. We are serving about 100 meals per day. Thanks to Taher food service, and all of our assistants for making this happen.

1. Below is a hotline that has been created for families to obtain information about childcare resources and other general questions about the school closure. The State Information Hotline at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) will be staffed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to answer questions about childcare resources and general questions during the time of school closure. <Greater Minnesota: 1-800-657-3504

We are at a very unique period in our lives. Each of us will remember how we handled things during this emergency. My parents spoke of growing up in the Depression, through World War II, through polio and tuberculosis epidemics, etc. I never really thought that we'd have our own sets of things to deal with, but certainly we have. Events like 9/11, the Housing crisis and hurricanes are just some of those things. This is another and probably the most urgent health crisis we've ever faced. We want to face this challenge with courage and persistence. Please join us in making this as successful as possible! Have a great weekend!

~Patrick Walsh, BBE Superintendent