March 17, 2020
3:00 p.m.

To: Parents / Guardians of BRSD students

Re: Coronavirus update – what's new today

Hello everyone.

We've been making progress in our plans for supporting students through the rest of this school year. Here is an update on what we are putting in place:

- The top priority has been on getting programming in place for Grade 12 students, as they prepare for Diploma Exams. We will continue to ensure students receive support for learning in core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Sciences, Social Studies). Grade 12 teachers began contacting their students today and will begin providing educational programming tomorrow (Wednesday, March 18).

- Programming plans for students in Grade 5 to 11 will also focus on the core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Kindergarten to Grade 4 will focus on literacy and numeracy development. More details about this will be available in the days ahead. We anticipate the roll-out of these plans will begin on March 30, after Spring Break. Your schools and teachers will be in touch.

- We've been asked by several parents whether or not we will be refunding a variety of things, from CTS supply fees to bus fees to Early Learning Program fees. We have not yet had a chance to focus on this, but please know we are considering how best to make this happen.

- Effective today, our School Division offices are closed to the public. But be assured our learning teams, our accounting / payroll team, along with our technology, transportation and facilities support staff, remain at work and ready to hear from you.

Please remember that the reason for cancelling classes is to keep students, families, staff and communities safe and well during this unusual circumstance. As always, information is subject to change at any time, as the situation changes in the world around us.

Thanks for your ongoing support and patience!

Rita Marler, Superintendent of Schools

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