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Dear BRS Families,

We hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. We miss you and your children tremendously!

We want to update you on the planning that has taken place since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Beecher Road School administrative team is collaborating daily and has had conversations with staff, state officials and our BOWA colleagues on an ongoing basis. Yesterday, you received communication from Mr. Gilbert and the BOWA Superintendents about meals and other services that are available during this time. We hope that this is a help during these challenging times. We want to remind you of the importance of social distancing. It is critical to reduce and eliminate the spread of this virus. We continue to urge you to refrain from social gatherings. We recognize that these are unprecedented times, and there are news updates happening often. Our goal is to always support our students and our families through this health crisis. At this point, all students should have received supplemental work at the start of our closure. It is important for children to have some structure and routine while they are away from school, as well as some opportunities for review and learning.

As you know, the Governor has closed all schools through at least March 31st. However, we are all aware that it is possible that our closure will continue beyond that date. We have developed a plan for our teachers to participate in training in order to collaborate remotely to develop interim learning plans for students. The plans will be coming to you in a few weeks. Until these plans are complete, please have your children engage in the supplemental work we sent you last week. We are including a short survey in this communication about technology use and access for all students (Pre-K-6). You can find it here: <https://forms.gle/zRCB1qpqnQ6fpXAC6> We ask that all parents complete this survey by Monday March 23rd so we can make plans to provide technology support to those who need it. We will provide more information about technology support in future communications. Given that teachers will be working from home as well as tending to the needs of their families, we ask for your patience, understanding and flexibility. Further details about interim learning plans as well as information about report cards and conferences will be forthcoming in future communications.

Most importantly, please take care of yourselves and your family. Stay healthy, look out for one another, and remember: this too shall pass. We leave you with a quote from Mr. Rogers: "How many times have you noticed that it's the little quiet moments in the midst of life that seem to give the rest extra-special meaning?" We hope that in the midst of an unusual time in our world, you are still finding time to cherish some little quiet moments with your loved ones.

Sincerely,

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Robert Gilbert

Our Mission

Beecher Road School is a caring, creative community that models and inspires the joy of life-long learning, embraces diversity, and celebrates the unique qualities of each person.