

SCHOOLMESSAGE 3/21/2020- Distance Learning Launch

Dear Brookfield Families,

This has been a difficult week for all of us; fear regarding the health of our families and neighbors, concern for those of us that have lost their jobs, and uncertainty about the future.

To get through this unprecedented time, the Leadership Team and I have focused on our priority for ensuring continuity of student learning. We targeted essential work and tackled each component of the plan, and the ever changing obstacles, checking them off the list one at time. I want to share with you how much has been accomplished in six short days. It is important for you to know how many people have worked tirelessly in support of our community and your children.

We have delivered almost 400 meals to our students and distributed over 200 chrome books this week to families so that they have this key tool for on-line learning. Over the past three days, hundreds of staff members have participated in professional development for on-line learning and been planning learning tasks in preparation for our Monday morning, March 23rd, *Distance Learning Launch*.

I am more proud today than ever in the past five years to be the Superintendent of the Brookfield Public Schools. Our entire learning community has gone above and beyond to have the district poised for continuity of learning.

Thank you to our custodial staff for cleaning and disinfecting, our IT staff, who prepared hundreds of devices for the students, and our food services staff who prepared and distributed lunches. Our Board of Education has provided me with a level of belief and support to execute our plans with the utmost confidence. The District central office team, our principals, building administrators and our teachers must be thanked for their tireless preparation and vision. We are ready to roll!

With Monday's launch, there will likely be a few bumps in the road and that's ok. Having said that, our platform and our *Distance Learning* plan will be implemented in good faith with the best of intentions.

The District website is now established and can be accessed at <https://www.brookfield.k12.ct.us/district/news/bps-distance-learning-e-learning-site>

Your child's principal will be sharing all of the details for you and your child in a separate communication.

Thank you for you for your faith in us as we have changed course in short order and planned for a new approach to support our Brookfield students as they continue to ***Create Their Tomorrow***.

All My Best,
Dr. John W. Barile