

# BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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March 17, 2020

Dear Families and Staff,

Last night the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona, sent a letter to all superintendents stating that, “districts should engage immediately in providing continuity of educational opportunities for students and may end the school year at their regularly scheduled end date.” Guidance from the CSDE continues to be very fluid as this emergency situation with COVID-19 continues to change rapidly. Having said that, using this latest guidance, the Bolton Public Schools regularly scheduled end date is Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

With respect to providing a continuity of learning for our students, the administrative team and our teacher leaders have been working diligently to create a distance learning platform for our district. The administrators and teacher leaders will be working with all certified staff electronically over the next three days to develop and implement our distance learning model. The Bolton Public Schools will be moving to a distance learning model beginning Monday, March 23, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

For the remainder of this week I would ask that you continue to utilize the supplemental learning links set up for our BCS and BHS students and families. Our BHS students are encouraged to frequently check their Google classrooms for information and materials from their classroom teachers. For our BCS students and parents you will find the resources link on the BCS website homepage or at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tLiEPlhXpphCTBd4UOGk93D8EP5CWU8jEOGp6hosaiY/edit>.

Just a reminder that we will continue to provide “To Go” breakfast and lunch meals on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 8:00 – 9:00 AM at Bolton High School for any children and their siblings up to age 18. Parents are not required to bring their children to pick up the “To Go” meals. I want to thank our outstanding cafeteria staff for the amazing work they are doing to continue to provide meals to any family who wishes to have them each week during this emergency closure.

I would also like to acknowledge our wonderful custodians who are on the front line of this emergency and continue to work very hard cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing our buildings.

We have amazing staff in the Bolton Public Schools and they are working very hard to provide as much continuity of learning as possible for our students. While this is a stressful time for our dedicated, creative, and innovative teachers and administrators as they care for their own children, I have the utmost confidence they will continue to work to the best of their ability to provide engaging distance learning opportunities for all our students.

I appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we continue to respond to this very fluid pandemic emergency. You will be receiving further communications regarding our distance learning model this Friday, March 20, 2020 from an administrator and/or your child/children’s classroom teacher(s). This is uncharted ground for us all and we are in this together.

Stay safe and be well,

Kristin B. Heckt  
Superintendent of Schools