

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 27, 2020

Good Afternoon,

I would like to begin my update today with some wonderful news. The Bolton Public Schools received an amazing donation of \$20,000 from Simoniz USA, Inc. to go toward the purchase of additional Chromebooks. Once we receive the additional Chromebooks we will have more to share with families. At this point, we continue to have a limited number of additional devices for families with critical need to borrow a school Chromebook. If you have this need, BCS parents please contact Assistant Principal Jessica Szafran at jszafran@boltonct.org and BHS parents and/or students please contact Dean of Students Christine Johnson at cjohnson@boltonct.org.

Distance Learning Week 1 Update

Today marked the end of our first week of Distance Learning in the Bolton Public Schools. Your feedback regarding our Distance Learning platform is very important to us. Please complete the attached feedback survey at [Distance Learning Parent Survey - Week 1](#) for each child you have in school so we can use this information to inform our practices. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child/children's teacher(s) via email or by phone with any questions or concerns. Your child/children's teachers and administrators are here to assist you.

State Standardized Assessments

The Connecticut State Department of Education has received a waiver from the United States Education Department which allows the state to suspend summative testing this year including Smarter Balanced (SBAC), NGSS, CT SAT and the Next Generation Accountability for the 2019-2020 school year. In addition, according to the Connecticut State Department of Education, "Since many students in Grade 11 use the Connecticut SAT School Day for college acceptance/placement, the CSDE will work closely with the College Board to determine how best to afford all students the opportunity to take an SAT assessment either this spring or sometime in the future." Once we have more information about the Grade 11 SAT, Mr. Maselli will reach out to parents.

Grab n' Go Meals

Just a reminder we will continue to offer breakfast and lunch "Grab n' Go" meals during the closure. This is available to any Bolton family with children up to age 18. This coming week we will be serving two (2) breakfast and lunch meals on Mondays, two (2) breakfast and lunch meals on Wednesdays, and three (3) breakfast and lunch meals on Fridays at Bolton High School between 8:00 – 9:00 AM. Please be sure to follow the following protocol:

1. Line up in cars on the side of Bolton High School next to the cafeteria.
2. Please **Do Not Leave** your vehicle or enter the building.
3. Tell us how many children in your care that need meals.
4. Wait in vehicle with trunk or rear door open and staff will place meals in your vehicle.
5. Staff **Will Not** put meals through an open front window.

Bolton Food Pantry

The Bolton Food Pantry is open and serving residents Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at this time. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Donations are needed and your support is greatly appreciated. Also, the Bolton Senior and Social Services Department serves all residents and is available at 860-647-9196.

Closure of Playgrounds

All playgrounds in Bolton will be closed effective today out of an abundance of caution.

Fun Educational Resources

Below please find a list of fun and interesting educational resources from the Governor's Prevention Partnership.

- **12 Famous Museums Offering Virtual Tours**
- **33 Virtual Historic Tours**
- **33 Virtual National Park Tours**
- **30+ Virtual Field Trips**
- **12 YouTube Channels to Get Kids Moving Indoors**
- **20 Brain Tickling Waiting Games for Kids**
- **Meigs Point Nature Center - Live Informational Sessions**
- **Cincinnati Zoo - Home Safari**
- **Palace of Versailles Virtual Tour**
- **Kennedy Center - Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems**
- **Great Books to Read Aloud to 12-Year-Olds**
- **List of Educational Companies Offering Free Subscriptions**
- **Khan Academy Kids - A Free, Fun, Educational Program Designed for Young Children**
- **Famous Actors Reading Stories**

Please remember to wash your hands, keep commonly touched surfaces clean, practice social distancing, avoid public gatherings of over 5 people, and if you do not feel well, please call your doctor. For more information on COVID-19 please go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Together we can make a difference in the spread of this disease. Thank you for everything you are doing to stop the spread of Coronavirus and to keep our community safe. I hope everyone has a restful weekend!

Stay safe and be well,

Kristin B. Heckt
Superintendent of Schools