

BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Christopher J. Carrubba Superintendent Rachelle Tjalma

Business Administrator

March 13, 2020

Good afternoon Belvidere School District Parents,

As you know, the Governor just announced that there is not going to be a state mandated closure of public schools, for now. We have made the decision, out of an abundance of caution that we will close schools beginning Monday March 16^{th} , for 10 business/school days. Over that time, we will evaluate if there is need for further closure or anything further mandated by the NJ Department of Education.

We will enact our <u>School Health-Related Closure Preparedness Plan</u> immediately. This plan allows our district to count today and any subsequent days toward our 180-days of instruction as required by the New Jersey Department of Education (this means we will not be required to make up this day).

What does this mean?

Students must log in to their Google Classrooms. Students can log in via a SmartPhone, tablet, Chromebook, laptop, or desktop. Students should log in daily and complete all work as assigned. Teachers will be assigning one assignment per class per day. This should take approximately 30-60 minutes per class. Every day that we are closed will run as an Early Dismissal day. Please follow the building schedule for the Early Dismissal day.

What if I need help?

Tech Support: Erik Lee edlee@belvideresd.org

My Child is Ill:Mrs. Golda (HS) dgolda@belvideresd.orgMy Child is Ill:Mrs. March (OX) smarch@belvideresd.orgStudent Issue:Mr. Lazzara (HS) elazzara@belvideresd.orgStudent Issue:Mr. Karabinus (OX) ckarabinus@belvideresd.org

<u>Special Education:</u> Ms. Bigelli: <u>rbigelli@belvideresd.org</u> <u>Emergencies:</u> Mr. Carrubba <u>ccarrubba@belvideresd.org</u>

Your call will then be handled or routed as appropriate to an administrator or guidance counselor. Please give us time to respond, we are anticipating that our ability to respond quickly may be compromised.

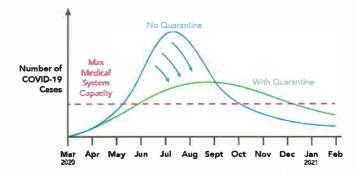
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Please keep in mind that this is new for everyone and we will likely be working out issues. We will be mindful of this and we ask that you are patient as we work to communicate any changes or adjustments to this plan. Please remember this - we all are working to ensure normalcy and consistency to the best extent possible during a time of uncertainty and unknowns.

All activities will be canceled for the duration of a closure. This includes practices, games, away events, etc. Please do not call the office looking for information on events or activities - they are canceled.

Why closure?

This important question is addressed in this information provided below:



Sincerely

Christopher Carrubba

Superintendent

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