



EBRPSS Families and Staff,

School leaders across the country continue to grapple with tough choices as we all race ahead into the great unknown. The difficult decisions we still face over the coming days and weeks will undoubtedly impact every family through the closure, and the ripple effects could be felt for years to come. With that in mind, please know that with every move we make we are focusing on equity, safety, and visionary and comprehensive instruction. Please take note of the important updates listed below:

Child Nutrition

- Effective Monday, March 30, Istrouma High School will become the 10th site for grab-n-go meals. To view all sites and additional information please click [here](#).
- All feeding sites will be *closed* on Friday, April 10, in observance of Good Friday.

Through the heroic efforts of our Child Nutrition staff we have served over 96,000 meals to families. This temporary system has been wildly successful thus far, but over time, we will potentially need to make a shift in the logistics of this operation. If and when changes occur, families will be notified via robo-calls, social media updates, and announcements on our website, ebrschools.org.

At-Home Learning Resources and Video-Conferencing

- Optional enrichment activities can be accessed through our dedicated coronavirus and educational resources [webpage](#). Should you have any questions please call the curriculum hotline, (225) 400 -7451.
- Optional ACT prep work and printed packets will be distributed to high school students with limited internet access on Wednesday, April 1, at Istrouma High School from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., while supplies last.
- Many EBRPSS teachers have taken it upon themselves to offer virtual enrichment classes for students that wish to participate. It came to our attention that a few popular video-conferencing platforms require users to be over the age of 18, so the district is rolling out a secure, K-12 friendly platform that can be monitored by district administrators. Teachers and students that would like to continue video-conferencing will be granted access to the district's Microsoft Teams account. More information will be made available early next week.

Thousands of printed packets for PreK-8th grade students were distributed this past week at multiple school sites across the district, for families with zero or limited internet access. Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for playing such an active and vital role in your child's at-home education. Last week, Louisiana was granted a series of waivers for state testing and other instructional requirements. The Louisiana Department of Education is currently assessing how these waivers could impact the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Louisiana is experiencing one of the fastest coronavirus growth rates in the country, causing us to put on hold an official return date announcement. We will remain aligned with all health requirements and official, local and national orders. We trust that the citizens of this great community are doing everything possible to slow the spread and protect loved ones. We will continue to choose faith over fear and triumph over any obstacle that comes our way. Once again, we are ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION. ONE FAMILY!

Sincerely,

Warren Drake
EBRPSS Superintendent