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Good afternoon.

Thank you for all of your support as we wade through this unprecedented situation. Today and tomorrow are officially 'snow days' for our students and staff. The Department of Health has required all school districts in Allegany County to do a deep clean of the building over these two days before we can allow people to be in our building.

As a result, BCS will begin delivering breakfast and lunches to all students starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Food will be delivered between 10:30am and 12:30pm. If your family is in need of food before Wednesday, please e-mail me and we will help your family.

Throughout the remainder of the week, BCS will be working with teachers and administrators to determine how we will get instructional materials to our students. As of right now, we know school will not be in session through April 12, 2020. Teachers will use technology and packets of materials to provide instruction to students.

I will be sending out a survey link for families to identify Internet needs and material needs. This information will be critical to help the District plan locations to help increase Internet access in the District. So please complete the survey as soon as possible.

The state of New York is asking people to practice social distancing. I have posted a document on our Facebook page and web page to help families clarify what activities should be avoided and what are appropriate activities while practicing social distancing. If you are unsure, please error on the side of caution.

At this point, students should not be on school grounds. This includes the building, playground, athletic fields, grandstand, fitness center, etc at any time, as these are gathering places.

We are working closely with the Department of Health, and will provide updates as the situation evolves.

Because only essential staff can be in the building at this time, the best method to contact me is through e-mail (wbutler@belfastcsd.org). Please do not hesitate to ask questions or share concerns.

Dr. Butler