

Dear BCN Families,

The past month has been filled with so many adjustments as we adapt to the realities of the time. You all are in our thoughts and minds and we want to continue to be a resource to families as we navigate this new normal together.

Since Governor Wolf's announcement to close schools until further notice, we remain committed to providing a continuity of education through planned instruction while our schools are closed due to COVID-19. Belmont Charter Network will also continue to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) consistent with the need to protect the health and safety of students with disabilities and those individuals providing education, specialized instruction, and related services.

This week you will be receiving two very important communication pieces directly from your child's school.

1. **Continuous Academic Plan** - On April 9th, our school boards will be voting for our Continuing Education Plan set to begin on Monday, April 13, 2020. We will continue to build upon the learning packets and on-line flexible instruction offered to all students since March 16th. Plans contain flexible content for students to access through videos, online assignments and live sessions with their teachers. Specific content will be distributed by your child's school on/before April 10th. Additionally, for families that require paper packets these will also be provided.
2. **Technology Device Lending and Pick-Up Plan** - We recognize that many families may need a device to access online practice and reinforcement opportunities. We are able to loan one device per household that can be signed out by a guardian living in that household and are prepared to distribute devices for families beginning Monday, April 13th. Information about your schools date and times will be forthcoming.

****Please note that this does not apply to Belmont Charter High School students as they were each provided with a chromebook at the beginning of the school year.**

Our Administrative team is working with our teachers to determine how to best take attendance for our students and to do so in a way that is not burdensome. More information regarding procedures will be sent at a later date.



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Our food and nutrition service team will continue to offer grab-and-go student meals available Monday through Friday from 9-12pm at the Belmont Academy at 907 N. 41st Street for ANY child in need.

Our family support services program is also here if you need them for anything. Please do not hesitate to reach out (267) 990-8284 and a member of our team will be glad to assist you.

Finally, we know so many of you work in the essential industries and workforce and we want to thank all of the members of our parent community who play a critical part in the health and welfare of the community. We are grateful for your service.

We hope you are healthy and safe,