



## Bettendorf High School Update March 26, 2020

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Bettendorf High School is committed to continuing to provide educational opportunities to all students during this closure. Beginning tomorrow, all BHS teachers will reach out to students. The purpose of tomorrow's outreach is to connect with our students and check on their well-being. Teachers may do this through online tools such as Zoom, Google Meet, email or they may be making phone calls. If you have any concerns about a staff member contacting your student via any of these means, please let the teacher or me know as soon as possible.

Beginning on Monday, March 30, staff will be providing educational opportunities for students enrolled in their courses. These opportunities are intended to extend previous learning and provide enrichment activities to students. Per state guidelines, students are not required to participate in these nor will they be graded, awarded points, etc. I do want to personally ask you to encourage your students to participate as the staff has done an excellent job providing meaningful and relevant opportunities for them.

As of today, school is scheduled to resume on Monday, April 13. Should the state extend this closure, we will make adjustments to what is being offered to students. It is my hope that we will receive new guidance from the state that permits required learning, assessing and grading while students are home. Should that happen, I will communicate that to you.

At last Monday's Board of Education meeting, Dr. Spelhaug, Interim Superintendent of Schools, presented some scenarios to Board members related to finalizing 3rd quarter grades. Please know, if school resumes in the standard structure at any time during the week of April 13, BHS will complete the 3rd quarter and letter grades will be assigned. If the closure is extended, we will consider alternative paths to closing the 3rd quarter. **No decision has been made.** We are in unfathomable times and given how fluid the situation is, we are proceeding with a great deal of caution with the primary focus on doing what is best for the student body as a whole.

BHS is committed to ensuring that all seniors meet the requirements for graduation. As we gain more clarity on when school will resume, individual plans will be put in place for students. The school counselors have worked this week to conduct credit audits on every senior so we know exactly what each needs to graduate. Graduation remains scheduled for May 31.

Students were provided an opportunity to sign up for locker access tomorrow. If your student did not sign up and still needs access to get books, Chromebook or chargers, or instruments, please call 332-7001 **tomorrow** and we will work with you. Access to PE lockers is not an option at this time and we will only be granting locker access on Friday, March 27.

I know students are missing spending time with their peers but please remind them that they are not permitted to congregate at BHS. Students are being provided with limited access tomorrow to get items from the school. Beyond that, the campus is closed - this includes the parking lots, the athletic fields, the tennis courts - **the campus is closed.** Thank you for respecting this boundary. Additionally, students have been told by the athletic coaches that they are not to engage in workouts with others - we have specifically stated athletes are not to run in groups, practice any kind of team sport, etc. When students engage in these types of activities, the perception is that they are practicing at our behest which is incorrect. Please help us by not permitting your athlete to engage in activities the athletic associations of Iowa have banned.

Thank you for partnering with our staff and administration as we all navigate this uncertain time. This message will also be sent to your student's school email account. Please call 332-7001 if you have any questions about the contents in this email or anything else. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Joy M Kelly, Ed.S.  
Principal

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