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Dear Bellevue School District Learning Community,

We appreciate your patience as we finalize details for providing instructional support opportunities in the event we need to close schools. **We want to reiterate that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in the Bellevue School District at this time.** Public Health – Seattle & King County **continues to recommend that schools remain open.**

Instructional Support Opportunities in the Event of Closure

In the event of a closure, we will be ready to provide instructional support opportunities to our students. These learning opportunities will include both electronic and print resources. Please note, these instructional support opportunities are not meant to replace the learning that currently happens in our classrooms.

At the middle and high school levels, both students and staff will receive training in how to use Microsoft Teams. Teams is linked to OneNote and allows for interaction between educators and students via the internet.

At the elementary level, families will receive grade-level resources, including “just right” book bags, a home writing journal, login information for the *Clever* platform, so students may access Dream Box, Raz Kids, and other online learning tools.

In the event of a long-term closure, instructional support resources will also include coordinated schedules for students and instructional and technology supports and resources.

In addition, we are grateful to many of our community partners who are working with us to collaboratively plan to provide nutritional services and other supports for our students and families.

If You Choose to Keep Your Student Home

As a reminder, if you are currently choosing to keep your students home and expect them to be home for an extended period, please contact your school’s attendance office and your student’s teacher(s).

At the elementary level, teachers will be providing grade-level resources, including some resources from the list above.

At the middle and high school levels, teachers will continue to post assignments and instructional materials on OneNote and other web-based platforms.

Being Prepared

Please make sure that your contact information is updated in Synergy and that you are on the relevant school and classroom email lists.

If your student is in middle or high school, please make sure that your student is bringing their laptop, power cord, and other materials they might need home with them daily.

It is important to note that **we do not have plans to close schools at this time.** We are refining our contingency plans and training staff and students so we are prepared. We will continue to follow guidance from Public Health that schools remain open.

Stay Connected

Our decisions may change as this situation evolves. We are committed to providing you with timely and accurate updates. We will continue to update our [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) page daily](#). We want to express our appreciation for the patience and support of our Bellevue community as we work through the daily challenges COVID-19 (coronavirus) has presented us.