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Coronavirus Update 16

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Note: The last update should have been titled "Update 15" and it has been renamed on our website.

Below please find "Update 16."

Greetings BSD Community,

As directed by the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE), we continue to work on plans for the next phase of learning in Burlington School District. Here is a brief update to end the week. Our usual full update will be delivered Monday or Tuesday based on guidance we receive at the state level.

Community Input and Community Update: The [Agency of Education](#) recently announced that every school District in Vermont is required to submit a Continuity of Learning Plan that addresses four key areas:

- I. Communication and Routines
- II. Structures for Student Success
- III. Instruction and Assessment
- IV. Ensuring Accessibility

As we go through this process, we want to make sure we can incorporate parent input into the development of the plan. If you have questions or suggestions [please share them here](#) **by early Monday morning**.

We will use your comments and suggestions to help prepare a well-rounded plan, which we will submit no later than Wednesday, April 8. Our Director of Curriculum and I will host a live Community Update next week regarding the plan and how some of the community input helped shape its creation. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can join or stream the update virtually.

Additional Maintenance of Learning Materials/Printed Packets: The next round of materials for K-5 maintenance of learning will be available Monday morning. For those of you who would like printed packets, those can be picked up at all food sites starting Monday morning. By that time, you will also be able to access all these new materials on our [coronavirus preparation website](#).

Again, per the AOE, these are optional materials to support students until we launch the Continuity of Learning phase no later than April 13th. Please contact your principal if you have any questions.

Free and Reduced Meals: Attention ALL Burlington families, please fill out an application for Free or Reduced Price Meal benefits by April 9th. The new stimulus package passed by the Federal Government features increased benefits for anyone eligible to receive free and reduced-price meals. If you or someone in your family is losing pay because of COVID-19, filling out this application TODAY could enable you to receive extra funds for your family's grocery needs.

Even if your change in employment or reduction in hours and/or pay is expected to be temporary, you should fill out this application as it can help you get extra money for food in addition to any other benefits you may already have or be applying for. Please complete your [application online](#) or pick up an application at any of our meal sites and return it by April 9th. For more information, call the Burlington School Food Project at 864-8415.

Technology: In the past few days, we have handed out hundreds of Chromebooks to students grades 3-5. (Photo of our EES team working hard below!) If you are still in need of technology, please contact your Principal directly.

Thank you for your patience. Please do not hesitate to reach out and remember, physical distancing saves lives.

Best of health to you and yours.

Superintendent Obeng



UPDATED CHART FROM VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Positive test results*	389
Total tests conducted	5,228
Deaths+	17
People being monitored	102
People who have completed monitoring	705

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