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**Howard Lerner, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

COVID-19 Educational Update 4/24/20

Dear BCSS and BCTS Administration, Staff, Parents/Guardians,

With the Governor's announcement last week that all New Jersey schools will remain closed, and operate remotely, through at least May 15th, we have no new information to share or discuss this week. We just have the daily reminders in the news that COVID-19 is dangerous, invisible and a continuing threat to us all.

My message this week will, therefore, be brief. I want to thank each and every one of you again for how engaged you have been in the work we need to do together to keep teaching and learning "alive and well" for our students during this unprecedented time. I believe education is one of the most important public services our government provides to our children, our families and our communities. Our school districts have a well-earned reputation for doing this at the highest level under "normal" circumstances. None of what we are living with and adjusting to right now is "normal", but our programs, our faculty and staff, our students, and our families at home have met these challenges with energy, creativity, positivity and a hopeful eye toward the future. As a result, we have not just "gotten by" but, instead, we have flourished. I believe that our collective success operating remotely is a large part of why our world just feels "different" right now, rather than like it's falling apart. Our school districts are exceptional and the way we have all worked together over the last month and a half is just another illustration of that. Thank you!!

I hope you, your families and your friends are doing well. As I have said before, we need to support each other, and reach out for the support of others when needed, in order to keep moving forward in the face of this illness and the many impacts it has had on our lives. Stay safe, be well and enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
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