

# **BSCSD School Closure and Budget Development Update**

April 22, 2020

## Current Closure Order

- NYS Schools are closed by Executive Order through May 15
- Governor has stated that he will not be announcing a full closure “any time soon”
- We continue to plan for the continuation of the 3 required plans as well as for contingencies for end of year activities in the event of a full closure

# Planning Team Operating Principles

1. ***Focus on the Health and Safety of Students and Staff*** – we will make decisions utilizing the latest information from county, state, and federal health authorities.
2. ***Keep It Simple*** – we will cause predictability using known protocols to the greatest extent possible.
3. ***Manage Expectations*** – we will consider the tremendous strain that this closure is putting on many of our students and families and be reasonable in our expectations of them.
4. ***Maintain Calm*** – we will rely on facts, be methodical in our decision making, and will not speculate on issues not within our areas of expertise.
5. ***Communicate Often*** – we will continue to communicate often with staff, families, and the community as we proceed through the closure period.

## Required Plans

- ***Child Care Plan*** – For essential workers in the District. Currently serving 8 students
- ***Child Nutrition Plan*** – For Students enrolled in the FRPL Program. Nearing 20,000 meals served
- ***Continuity of Learning Plan*** – All grades and courses are continuing to gradually increase the expectations, are introducing additional District-approved technologies, and are/will be introducing new information based on the District's chosen curriculum and curriculum materials

## **Budget Vote and Board Election**

- Delayed until at least June 1 by Executive Order
- No in person voting declared by the Governor
- School Districts have been advised to expect significant cuts to state aid

## Budget Development

- NYS is currently facing a \$10B budget deficit
- School Districts have been advised to expect significant cuts to state aid for the 2020-21 school year
- Our current model aligns our tax levy increase with the district growth factor
- Seniority lists are being reviewed in anticipation of staff reductions
- Additional cuts to expenditures across the 3 budget components are being modeled
- Additional tax levy increase is being considered

## Communications

- Additional communications from elementary and secondary schools have been released in the past week
- Updates from the District Office are sent to staff and parents with each change to our known facts
- Daily phone calls and teleconferencing happen each day across the district
- Updated documents including a Q and A are posted on our website

## Phase 6 Planning

- In the event that schools do not reopen in the summer/fall or we have a restricted opening, planning is underway to address:
  - Limited enrollment
  - Monitoring of student and staff health
  - Cleaning/disinfecting school buildings and equipment
  - Modified instructional models that would be a blend of in-person and remote learning
  - Staffing needs and assignments
  - Attendance, grading, extracurricular policies



Next Budget Presentation:

**May 6, 2020**

**Budget Review**

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