

# NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS GOALS


- I. **High Quality Instruction:** Increase student achievement by strengthening teaching and learning.
- II. **Effective Student Support Systems:** Create an inclusive, culturally responsive learning environment.
- III. **Strong Family / Community Relationships:** Empower families and the community through collaboration.
- IV. **Organizational Team Excellence:** Cultivate and recruit a highly skilled workforce.
- V. **Public Confidence and Pride:** Implement effective strategies to raise the profile and reputation of NBPS.

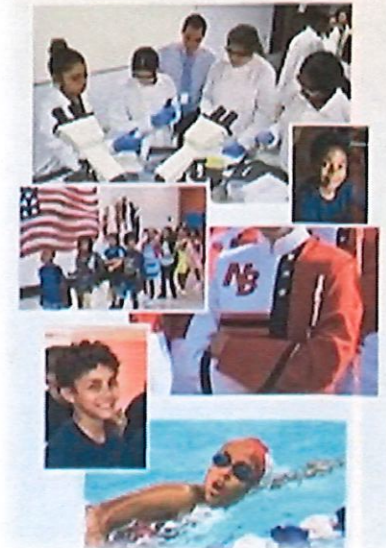
## Superintendent Update

Monday, April 13, 2020

5:00 PM



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# OUR DAYS

The screenshot displays a Zoom meeting window. At the top, the Windows taskbar shows the time as 9:51 AM on 4/9/2020. The Zoom toolbar includes icons for 'Unmute', 'Start Video', 'Participants' (17), 'Chat', 'Share Screen', 'Record', and 'Reactions'. The meeting title 'Leave Meeting' is visible in the top-left corner. The main area shows a grid of 17 participants. The participant 'jpaulo' is highlighted with a yellow border. Other visible names include Wendy Andrade, wwilliams, Sherri Hayes, Jarriel Vergne, Sean McNiff, bcoelho, Sandra Ford, Tina Camargo, Karen Treadup, Joshua Almeida, Steven Harkey, Jennifer Ferland, Brian Turner, and Thomas Anderson. The bottom status bar shows 'Zoom' and 'Recording'.

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## NBPS COVID-19 Response

***During this time we continue to prioritize the following:***

- Safety of all students and staff
- Continuity of the teaching and learning process during the suspension of classes
- Meals for children
- Communication to families and community
- Effective processes and operations to support the above priorities including cleaning, security, and business operations including payroll and benefits

# COVID-19 (precautions/supports)



## COVID-19 Precautions / Supports

- Out of an ABUNDANCE of caution – drives the focus on safety
- We remain in close communication with the New Bedford Health Department
  - We share all concerns and seek their guidance regarding any situation during this time
- Out of an abundance of caution, consistent with what we have been doing during this time, we require individuals to not report to duty for 14 days if they show or inform us that they are exhibiting any symptoms related to the current virus or the flu

- We have revamped all process in which we are distributing anything to anyone including:
  - Meals, academic packets, laptops - ensure the 6 ft proximity
  - Only authorized staff are permitted to enter buildings

- Offices requiring critical functions have rotations to limit staff
  - We have provided/allowed staff remote use of laptops, etc.
  - We adhere to the Health Departments guidance on levels

# COMMUNICATION



## COMMUNICATION / OUTREACH

- Weekly Superintendent video updates
- Weekly Principal meetings
- School-based – Principal lead staff meetings
- Staff notes (*central office and school based*)
- Social Media / Media (Cable Access / radio / print)

# REMOTE LEARNING FORMAT



Our obligation is to engage all students in learning opportunities that are meaningful and productive.

**Aligned with the DESE recommendations, NBPS' Remote Learning focuses on ALL students being (Remote learning encompasses online components – IT is not online learning):**

- Engaged in remote learning for at least 3 hours each day
- Supported to reinforce skills in which they have already been exposed
- Helped to access multiple hours of academic content per day
- Provided the opportunity to connect with educators, multiple times per week
- Supported to reduce the risk of learning loss
- Helped to apply and deepen their skills

## **NBPS Remote Learning encompasses:**

- **Structured daily routines** include time on learning and time for breaks
- Lunch and recess are at the same time each day

- **All students are expected** to do some self-guided work combined with the support they will receive from their teachers

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Additional resources are available on the [New Bedford Public Schools](#) website.

**Special Education Services:** aligned with DESE recommendations:

- Contact families to discuss plans to review and create individualized remote service plans for students
- These remote service plans will be temporary —does not alter or amend the student's current IEP

**English Language Learners:** following our normal format for support – ACCESS

# GENERAL INFORMATION



## DESE Requirements

### MCAS

- MCAS testing requirement is waived for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year
- Spring regular administration of grades 3-10 MCAS tests are **CANCELLED**

**Graduation requirements (competency determination)** DESE is considering various options



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## General Updates / Additional Supports

- **Teacher Lessons:** Cable Access: 10 with more being scheduled
- **Learning opportunities:** will be shared via several social media platforms including the NBPS website, Facebook, Twitter, Cable Access and Instagram
- **7,000 devices** for HS, MS and at least ES grades 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (working to support more)
- **Registration:** Please check our website for more information as we are shifting mostly online:  
[http://www.newbedfordschools.org/depts\\_programs/family\\_welcome\\_center](http://www.newbedfordschools.org/depts_programs/family_welcome_center)
  - [Call the Family Center: 508-997-4511](tel:5089974511)
- **Family Support Line:** 508-997-4515 Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
  - Callers choose their preferred language by entering 1 for English, 2 for Spanish, 3 for Portuguese, 4 for Creole or 5 for K'iche
  - Parent Support Specialist who speaks one of the languages listed

# Grab and Go Meals



The “Grab and Go” Meals Program has provided more than 40,250 meals since March 17 to children.

- Meals are available for all students at Gomes ES, Campbell ES, Carney Academy, Hayden-McFadden ES, Lincoln ES, Keith and Roosevelt Middle Schools and near the Brickewood Housing Development

**Changes to the meal distribution process** including implementing tighter controls: We are not distributing anything additional with the meals (no cross contamination)

- Starting April 13, meal distribution will be available on Tuesday and Friday (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

- Tuesday meal distribution: students will be provided meals to cover breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Friday meal distribution: students will be provided meals to cover breakfast and lunch for Friday and 2 additional days

- The week of 4/20 will follow the same pattern



## Update: School Calendar 2019 – 2020

### CONTINUITY OF LEARNING

- **School Calendar-2019 - 2020: Surveyed** about 1,280 employees, regarding April 21 – 24 (the four days slated for April Break)
- 85% responded (1,088 responses)
- 90%: Convert the 4 vacation days (April 21, 22, 23 and 24) to remote learning days
  - conclude the school year on June 18<sup>th</sup> (instead of June 24)

# THANK YOU



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