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Good Afternoon, InfoTech Students and Families,

I hope this message finds you all safe and well. Our district has decided to move towards “Distance Learning” in order to provide education to our students while school is not in session. Teachers and staff are dedicated to their craft and your child’s education and are working together to plan and implement an educational program designed to support student learning throughout these difficult times. In order to create a positive learning environment that aims to elicit positive learning outcomes, we will need your support in this endeavor.

1. All coursework will be available to your child beginning on March 23rd, 2020 and will continue until further notice. Student work will be available through online platforms such as Microsoft Teams. Your child’s teacher will communicate with your child the preferred platform from which to access work. For students who need paper copies, please contact me via e-mail (bfurnari@bridgeportedu.net) or call 203-275-3373 to make arrangements for pick-up. Paper copies will be available starting on March 23rd, 2020. If scheduling a pick-up of materials, only one person will be allowed to enter the premises.
2. Beginning on Monday, March 23rd, all teachers and students are expected to maintain daily online communication with each other. Students will need to check their Microsoft Teams account and school e-mail (studnetID#@bridgeportedu.net). If online access is an issue, please contact the school and we will devise a plan to for you and your child to communicate with your child’s teacher. At this time we are prioritizing instruction over assessment and grading. As new information evolves and students become more proficient with “Distance Learning”, we will provide an update regarding assessments and grading.

3. **CLEAR COMMUNICATION and SUPPORT IS KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS ENDEAVOR.** Students and parents may e-mail staff at any time with questions or concerns regarding assignments, expectations, technology issues, etc. All staff e-mails are listed on the Information Technology Website <https://www.bridgeportedu.net/domain/3312>
4. The Bridgeport Public Schools website, bridgeportedu.net, is being updated regularly with information related to COVID-19. Please use this as your primary source for information and updates. Updated information will be related via SchoolMessenger. Please contact the school if your phone number and e-mail needs to be updated in the system.
5. Information regarding the Emergency Food Service sites in Bridgeport is available on the district website.
6. Special Education: Case managers/ Resource teachers will be connecting with families to schedule PPTs and Annual Reviews. If you are not contacted and believe your child is due, please e-mail your child's case manager. If you need assistance beyond your child's case manager please contact me, bfurnari@bridgeportedu.net or 203-275-3373.
7. If you need translation services, please contact me, bfurnari@bridgeportedu.net or 203-275-3373.
8. Guidance counselors, school social workers and school psychologists will be available via e-mail to all InfoTech families who need any support services throughout the duration of the closure.

To my students: Thank you for your willingness to accept the adjustments made to your learning process. You are a smart, caring and supportive group of individuals that I am so fortunate to spend my days with. Please know that my days at school spent without you are just not as complete. You are in my thoughts and I will make every attempt to ensure that our school remains to be a caring and supportive environment.

To my parents: We could have never imagined our children's education and lives would be so impacted so rapidly. I thank you for your understanding and patience as we collectively



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navigate through this extraordinary time. With the support of our students, staff and families, I am confident that we can provide our children with academic success.

Please be safe,

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