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Dear SBEP Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your children are well and that your family is staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

As you are all aware, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our lives and community. As a school district, we know it is important to continue to follow the guidelines of our state and local leaders as to how we should operate as an organization during this time of crisis. The administration and I have been in frequent communications with state and local educational and health leaders in this regard and, based on their recommendations, are continuing to put procedures in place to meet the academic needs of our students while keeping them healthy and safe.

Here are the COVID-19 updates, as of April 1st:

Legislative update

On March 27th, Governor DeWine signed House Bill 197 making the following changes regarding Ohio schools:

- State-mandated testing is waived for this school year. **There will be no AIR tests for 2019-2020.**
- Annual State Report Cards for districts and buildings are also waived.
- High school seniors will be permitted to graduate if their school determines they were on track to do so before classes were interrupted.

Additionally, in a separate announcement, **Ohio schools will remain closed through Friday, May 1st.**

Remote learning

During this unprecedented time, our staff is continuing to teach students through remote learning. This includes YouTube lessons, Google hangouts, Google classroom, Zoom sessions, online activities, streaming videos, etc. I am proud and amazed of how creative our staff is in developing some of these remarkable lessons. If at all possible, encourage your students to take advantage of this approach and submit their work to their teachers online.

Second round work pick-up

For those who may not have the available technology, we will continue to supply paper copies of all assignments. With the extension of school closures through May 1st, our teachers are now preparing a second round of materials for pick up. This material will provide work for the rest of April. Second round pick up information:

- When: April 8th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Where: Elmwood Elementary School and Outside the Lobby of the Jr./Sr. HS Gym

Completed work drop-off

At the same time, **students who are doing paper and pencil assignments are required to turn in the first packet of completed work on Wednesday, April 8th. Students should drop off completed work while picking up the new material.** Please make sure your child puts his or her name on all pieces of paper he or she is turning in for credit. Their teachers will grade all students' assignments and the marks will be posted in ProgressBook.

Food Distribution

We will continue to distribute food to children under the age of 18 every Wednesday in the month of April. Pick up will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Elmwood Place Elementary School and outside the lobby of the Jr./Sr. HS gym. Please bring your child with you for the pick up and remember to follow social distancing guidelines.

Miscellaneous changes/updates

Facilities- During the month of April, our buildings and facilities are closed. The use of any of our facilities, indoor or outdoor, by any group is prohibited. As directed by the governor's order, no groups are permitted in public places and spaces. Please know that no practices or meetings or any school, community, or family/friend groups are permitted on any of our grounds/buildings.

Staff- Essential staff and administration are coming into the offices to handle issues that cannot be managed from home (such as food and work distribution). For those needing to come to the central office to meet with administration and/or staff, please call ahead to schedule a time or set up a teleconference.

Lockers- All lockers in the Jr./Sr. High School are being cleared out during the school shutdown. **Personal belongings and articles of clothing will be available for pick-up in the high school gym lobby during food distribution on April 15th.**

In closing, I am very proud and appreciative of how our staff and community have made the best of this situation. During these extraordinary times, the dedication, creativity, and hard work of our teachers and staff on behalf of our students has been truly amazing. It is inspiring to watch everyone pull together as a team during this critical time.

Please keep yourselves and your loved ones safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Mimi R. Webb

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