



Binghamton City School District

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Dear Binghamton Families,

This unprecedented school closure has been filled with new challenges, and our school community has risen to the occasion. From administrators to teachers, to food service workers, all of our faculty and staff are working diligently to support our students from a distance to the very best of our abilities. Our students and families deserve recognition for the way they've launched into the unfamiliar territory of online and at-home learning.

Families are striving to support their child's academics while juggling many other responsibilities. If you've doubted or questioned yourself as you work to support your child academically, please know that you are not alone in feeling overwhelmed. Parents are not expected to replicate school at home, but rather, to do what they can to keep their children engaged. I believe you all are doing an outstanding job throughout a very challenging time.

We remain committed to providing a breakfast and lunch to all students and will be moving to a two-day per week distribution schedule starting Monday, March 30th. Families will receive three sets of meals per student on one day, with an additional two sets of meals per student later in the week. We are also planning to continue to provide electronic devices to families in need. Please check the district website for details and updates.

I often remark on how resilient Binghamton students are. That fact has been apparent, as we've seen so many wonderful examples of our students learning at home. In photos and videos our families have shared with us, students have been reading, writing, working through math problems, creating artwork, and so much more.

Our teachers are, and will continue to be, in close contact with students throughout the closure of our facilities to students. There are also resources for learning at home available on our [website](#). Thank you for working alongside our schools to make the best of these difficult circumstances.

With Patriot Pride,

Dr. Tonia Thompson
Superintendent of Schools

Educating, empowering and challenging all students to become productive, global citizens through innovative approaches to learning.