



Binghamton City School District

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Dear Binghamton Families,

The Binghamton City School District is striving to provide as much support as possible to our students and families during the closure of school facilities. Our faculty and staff spent much of the day Monday contacting families and working to establish a continuum of education. Please be on the lookout for a communication from your child's teacher and ask your child to be checking for communications via Google Classroom or other platforms that is currently in use. If you believe the contact information the district has for you is out of date, please contact your child's school. It is important that we are able to communicate with you in the weeks to come, regarding instructional materials and other vital information.

Establishing a way to distribute meals to our students was among our first areas of focus. (More information on food distribution locations can be found [here](#).) This week, we will distribute devices to students who have indicated that they need a Chromebook or tablet. Please call the main office of your building if you need to borrow a device and have not yet let us know. Additionally, any student who needs to pick up critical personal items may do so at the same time. Homeschool or EBL students should report to their home building to pick up devices. Pick up dates and times for devices and personal items are as follows:

Wednesday, March 18 - Binghamton High School

9 to 10 a.m. - 9th grade
10 to 11 a.m. - 10th grade
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 11th grade
12 to 1 p.m. - 12th grade

Thursday, March 19 - All elementary and middle schools

Middle schools:

10 to 11 a.m. - 6th grade
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 7th grade
12 to 1 p.m. - 8th grade

Elementary schools:

10 - 11 a.m. - 3rd grade
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - 4th grade
12 - 1 p.m. 5th grade

For the latest updates and resources from the district on the coronavirus response, please visit www.binghamtonschools.org. We have additionally compiled a list of online resources and activities for on our website under For Parents. We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate this new territory.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tonia Thompson
Superintendent of Schools

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