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March 19, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The North Bellmore School District is deeply committed to the education of our students. Throughout this difficult time, all our decisions and actions have been guided by our District’s Mission Statement, as well as our Core Values. For our Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff, the students and families are always at the heart of our work.

We understand that school closures cause anxiety and feelings of a loss of control for our community members. We have attempted to ameliorate these feelings to the extent possible, by providing Phase One of our Home Learning Plan for our students. This first phase is a hybrid of paper based learning materials and online resources. It was created to foster educational continuity and support for our families.

The North Bellmore School District is prepared to implement the subsequent phase of our Home Learning Plan. The successive phases of the plan will include, but are not limited to:

- increased parental/student guidance
- utilization of our district’s robust digital platforms
- continued daily teacher interaction through an on-line platform

Home Learning Resources can be found on our website at:

<https://www.northbellmoreschools.org/Page/2074>

Special Education information is forthcoming.

Below you will find additional information related to the school closure.

Technology

Each student received an individualized “Login Organizer” which lists the student’s unique credentials for accessing our on-line, digital platforms. All resources are posted to our Home Learning Webpage (see above link). The District created a dedicated email account mailgroup-technology@northbellmoreschools.org for families to send inquiries regarding our digital learning websites (accessing, troubleshooting, etc.). Our instructional technology staff will be monitoring this email account throughout the day to provide timely assistance to families. Please contact the technology department with any needs you may have.



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Parent Teacher Conferences

We will be conducting Parent-Teacher conferences via telephone on Wednesday, **April 1, between the hours of 12-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.**

Teleconferences will be scheduled in 15 minute intervals. Report cards will post tomorrow, **Friday, March 20**. Please review your child's report card. If you are interested in setting up a teleconference, follow the directions below:

- To request a conference, please **email** your child's teacher(s) **no later than Wednesday, March 25** and be sure to include:
 - name(s) of siblings and their teachers
 - your contact number
 - your AM and/or PM availability on April 1
- Parents are welcome to conference with all teachers who have contact with their child, including specialists and special area teachers who will also be available during conference times. Please email all teachers with whom you wish to speak.
- Teachers will email your scheduled teleconference time no later than Friday, March 27.

Medicine/Health Equipment Pick Up

If you need your child's medication/health equipment for use at home during the school closure, please let us know by completing the survey via the link below by Friday, March 20. All requested medication/health equipment should be picked up at Martin Avenue School, 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, NY, 11710 on Wednesday, March 25, between the hours of 9 a.m.-2 p.m. If you are not available for pick-up, you may designate another adult, (e.g. family member, friend, or neighbor). If no one is available for pick-up, please email Carol Eskew to make alternate arrangements at ceskew@northbellmoreschools.org. If you do not need your child's medication/medical equipment at home at this time, it can remain at school for use when school reopens.

Survey Link:

<https://www.northbellmoreschools.org//cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=239>

Food Service

As a reminder, the District is offering grab and go food service for any students and families in need. Lunch is available for pickup at Martin Avenue School, between the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The distribution location is at the side entrance of the building on Oak Court. The meals will be available in grab-and-go bags to bring home.



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District Facilities

We continue to maintain all building interior and exterior facilities including daily assessments of our grounds. Our maintenance and custodial teams have cleaned and disinfected our buildings and will continue to work to ensure that our schools are ready to reopen at a moment's notice. With security in mind, all our facilities will be monitored throughout the closure to support a safe and healthy environment. We appreciate your partnership in immediately reporting to the Police Department and/or District Office any misuse of our grounds. You may reach our Facilities Office at 516-992-3000 Ext. 3003.

Board of Meeting Education Meeting

The Board of Education of North Bellmore Public Schools will hold a meeting on April 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. As authorized by Executive Order No. 202.1, signed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on March 12, 2020, the meeting will be **held remotely via videoconference** and the public will not be permitted to attend the meeting in-person. The public will be able to view and/or listen to the meeting on our website on April 2, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. It is anticipated that the public participation portion of the meeting will be suspended.

North Bellmore Public Library

Although the North Bellmore Public Library is closed, we are pleased to share that students and families can apply for a library card via an on-line application. You can access this application by visiting the North Bellmore Public Library Website at www.northbellmorelibrary.org. A few days after completing the application, you will receive a library card in the mail and will be able to borrow books on-line!

In closing, please know that the health and wellness of our families, faculty, and staff is uppermost in our thoughts. While we might not be together in our school buildings, the North Bellmore community resides within us. We miss our students, so please keep posting pictures and sending messages that remind us of our purpose.

Sincerely,

Marie Testa
Superintendent of Schools