

Communication From PBA, 03-18-20

Dear PBA Families,

PBA wants to keep you updated on the most recent communications from the Center for Disease Control, the Department of Health, and the State Department of Education.

At this time, our local community of Brevard County still has very few cases of COVID-19. PBA continues to follow all guidelines and recommendations of the Health Department.

Schools will remain closed to students until otherwise directed by the state (at this time, April 15). PBA will be conducting a deep clean of the school facilities during the closure.

Remote instruction is planned to begin on Monday, March 30. Assignments will be given and students will receive grades for assignments and courses. Schools will strive to keep students on track to advance in grades or graduate on time. Report cards and transcripts will still be sent. Teachers will be contacting you with the details.

The governor has canceled all K-12 required state assessment tests such as the FSA. Consequently, the Florida Department of Education will not assign grades to schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

FREE MEALS: Agriculture Commissioner Nicole Fried and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) activated their Summer Breakspot [website](https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/). (actual website address: <https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/>). On this [website](https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/), families can find free meals for children under 18 during the coronavirus (COVID-19) school closures.

SELF-ISOLATION ORDERED: BPS has adopted the following guidance issued March 13 from the Florida health and education departments:

Any students, faculty or staff who go on a cruise, anywhere, must self-isolate for 14 days upon return.

Any students, faculty or staff who go on foreign travel, to any country, must self-isolate for 14 days upon return.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Students who are absent because they have been directed to self-isolate will receive medically excused absences if they provide doctor's

notes, travel documents, or other information that shows the reason. Schools will work with students who face problems getting such paperwork.

FIELD TRIPS: All field trips and overnight athletic events have been canceled by Brevard Public Schools through April. This is to reduce risk of the spread of COVID-19.

Thank You