



# Quarterly

The Latest from District 3



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## Update for District 3 and Resources during the Pandemic

As our District, our community and the world are in the midst of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to ensure you that I am working to keep our staff, students and families informed by serving as a conduit of information.

Please utilize the contact information below to ask any questions you may have, and I will work to ensure your questions and issues are considered and addressed.

The Superintendent and District leaders have worked through some of the basics of how Broward County Public Schools will continue to operate through this time of social distancing and self-isolation. From delivery of technology devices to students in need, to food distribution for students who depend on breakfast and lunch meals, to ensuring payments to vendors for services rendered are being processed, to creating curriculum and providing training so educators can begin online instruction, there has been much accomplished in a short amount of time.

**Thank you** to all employees who are working tirelessly to meet the needs of our students, and to the students and families who have helped us navigate this transition.

Below are a few updates to be aware of:

- If you are ill, please do NOT visit a school site.
- Please remember to adhere to social distancing protocols, keeping a 6-foot distance between you and others.
- Visit this link for information on how to "attend" class. <https://www.browardschools.com/learningnevercloses>
- A second laptop distribution took place on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at select locations for students in need of technology devices.

- School resumes on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and although we will be utilizing an online format, “attending” class regularly is important to the learning process and to our student's sense of well-being.
- On Monday, **March 30 Broward County Public Schools will resume food distribution for students in need, serving grab and go breakfast and lunch at an expanded 47 locations.** Breakfast will be available for pick up 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. and lunch will be available for pick up 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at selected sites. Staff has worked to ensure sites were expanded based on need and a map of sites is available at the link included here. Additional sites may be added as needs are identified. Once again, please remember to adhere to social distancing protocols, keeping a 6-foot distance between you and others. If you are ill, please do NOT visit a school site. <https://bit.ly/3bweJvD>
- The Florida Department of Education has announced that **no standardized testing (FSA) will take place this year**, in addition state required end of course exams that are for course credit will not be given and course credit will be awarded based on students' grades. Many of you have asked great questions about grades, promotion criteria, and testing among other things. For details about those questions and concerns please visit <https://bit.ly/2UoVJcL> for an update.
- Parents can support their students' ongoing learning by proactively reviewing Instructions for Distance Learning available at <https://bit.ly/2QJU53o>.
- The District is working around the clock to make sure students and teachers are fully prepared to continue education services during this very challenging time. I encourage everyone to stay up-to-date on the latest news related to the BCPS response to the Coronavirus pandemic but regularly visiting [www.browardschools.com/coronavirus](http://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus). Updates will be posted there as they are received.

Before I wrap up, I want to acknowledge the four outstanding individuals who were recognized as winners of the prestigious 2020 Caliber Awards, **three of whom are from District 3 schools!** The Caliber Award winners were drawn from over 600 nominees and narrowed down to 16 finalists. The four winners were announced at a sold-out ceremony in January and each represents the very best of Broward County Public Schools. I'm grateful and thrilled for all the winners and especially those from District 3:

Assistant Principal of the Year, Sean Curran, **Fort Lauderdale High**



Principal of the Year, Melissa Holtz, **Wilton Manors Elementary**



Teacher of the Year, Cari Rodriguez, **Harbordale Elementary**



And, representing District 6, School-Related Employee of the Year, Jane Fleming, **Pioneer Middle School**



**Congratulations to all the nominees, finalists and winners.  
You all make us incredibly proud!**

For a while school will not be the same as it was a few weeks ago and transitioning to this new way of learning will take a little bit more patience and perseverance from all of us. We will most likely make mistakes and get frustrated along the way, but the most important thing to remember is **this is only temporary.**

Teachers will be doing their best to teach, students will be doing their best to learn, and families will be doing their best to support both.

During this difficult time, I encourage you to find the positives in every day. Take a moment to be grateful for even the smallest things. Use this forced time at home to create new, healthy habits like going for a walk, reading a book or sharing a family meal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 754-321-2003 or at [heather.brinkworth@browardschools.com](mailto:heather.brinkworth@browardschools.com), as your District 3 Board Member I am here to serve you. Please stay safe and be well.

Sincere thanks for your support,  
Heather

**Heather Pomper Brinkworth**  
**School Board Member District 3**

*P.S. See next page for updates on the SMART initiatives across the District and for District 3 specifically.*

**PLEASE RESPOND TO THE 2020 CENSUS**

**WE NEED EVERY RESIDENT IN BROWARD COUNTY TO COUNT!**

From newborns to great-grandparents, citizens to undocumented migrants, even if you can't vote, you count! There is no citizenship question and your responses are CONFIDENTIAL and PROTECTED by the Law.

**IT'S FAST, EASY AND IMPORTANT – 100% SAFE**

1. Go to [www.my2020census.com](http://www.my2020census.com)
2. Enter your Census ID or your home address
3. Complete a short questionnaire about you and everyone who lives at your address and submit your answers

The 2020 Census determines how \$1.5 Trillion in federal funds per year are allocated Broward County to pay for Schools, Hospitals, Roads, Medicare, Free Lunch and Special Ed teachers to name a few.

**IF YOU DON'T COUNT, WE ALL LOSE OUT**

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**SMART Updates**

**DISTRICT 3 REPORT**

*For The Quarter Ending  
December 31, 2019 | FY20-Q2*

**SAFETY**  
**MUSIC & ART**  
**ATHLETICS**  
**RENOVATION**  
**TECHNOLOGY**

For a 2020 Plan Update please visit:

<https://www.smore.com/2smwp>

