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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The past ten days have brought tremendous change to our entire community as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The necessity of social distancing has placed significant burdens on each of you. I want to thank you for all your efforts to provide a safe, structured and happy environment for your children. This work is difficult, so please be understanding, compassionate, and patient with everyone – especially yourself as you set the tone for everyone.

On **Saturday, March 28**, parents who were not able to pick up computer devices last week will be able to do so. Additional information about the distribution will be sent to parents later this week.

Broward County Public Schools will return students to learning, with teacher guided instruction, on **Monday, March 30**. Unfortunately, we cannot return to our school classrooms. Instead, your student will enter their school and report to their teacher's classroom using a computing device connected to the internet. Teacher interaction and instruction will occur for a minimum of three hours each day with students having a full day of learning activities. Specific instructions are on page 2 of this letter.

While our schools may be shuttered, *Learning Never Closes* in Broward Schools. Students will be able to continue learning with their teacher and by using supplemental resources. Please go to browardschools.com/learningnevercloses for more information. In addition to more materials for all students and additional resources for learning at specific grade levels, ESE, Bilingual/ESOL, and other communities will also be found.

For students in Grades K-5, please visit, bit.ly/SupportingYoungLearners.

For students in Grades 6-12, please visit: bit.ly/SupportingSecondaryLearners.

If you need to obtain internet access at your house, please to go <http://browardschools.com/coronavirus>. Look for "Free Internet for Students."

Thank you for ensuring your student signs into school at sso.browardschools.com on March 30. During this Spring Break, physical distancing does not have to mean social isolation. Please remember to support yourself and others by reaching out to friends, families, and community organizations. I wish you a restful remainder of our Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Robert W. Runcie

Starting Monday, March 30

Get to school

1 - Go to sso.browardschools.com

Enter school

2 - Sign-In, with student number & password/PIN, to get to your personalized LaunchPad

Get to class

3 - Clicking on Canvas tile

4 - Using the “Courses” button on the left-hand edge

Enter class

5 - Read any of your teacher’s announcements at the top of the page and then look for your assignments below.

Teacher Interaction

6 – Will be provided using live video conferencing, prerecorded video, and Canvas messaging. Each teacher will provide specific directions.

What about other support services?

Broward County Public Schools will be providing services, with modifications, to students and families during the period of physical distancing. These include:

- Exceptional Student Education
- Bilingual/ESOL
- School Counseling and BRACE Advisement
- Social Work Family Counseling, and Family & Community Engagement

Further information will be posted within Canvas and on departmental websites at browardschools.com , and on individual school websites.

Further updates will be issued regularly at browardschools.com/coronavirus.