

Buckeye Valley Families:

Today, Governor DeWine extended the school closure order until May 1st. We have been predicting and planning for this eventuality. As we have been doing for the past two weeks, we will collaborate on the questions and concerns that this extension creates and provide information to you as soon as possible. We can say with confidence that we will do the best job we can educating our students during this unique time in history. We again want to thank all of you for your creativity, sensitivity, and flexibility. We continue to see wonderful examples of teachers and students realizing together the opportunities of remote learning. More to come...

As we move into spring break, I wanted to provide a few updates from ODE that apply to us at Buckeye Valley. I apologize for the length of this email, but we wanted to provide some updates and information that may be helpful.

The Ohio General Assembly passed legislation last week that addresses several educational matters during this public health crisis. We believe that the legislation passed by the General Assembly addresses many of the issues and questions that are weighing on you, our staff, students and community.

- State and federal testing is eliminated for the 2019-2020 school year
- State report cards will not be issued for the 2019-2020 school year (note that these are the state-issued report cards for schools and school districts, not student report cards)
- Third-grade reading guarantee retention requirements are waived
- Schools can grant high school diplomas to students on track to graduate and for whom the principal determines that the student has successfully completed the curriculum (more information to follow)
- Individuals with appropriate state licenses are allowed to provide services electronically or via telehealth communication to students with special needs
- Boards of education may use electronic communication for in-person meetings and hearings during the emergency period, but not later than Dec. 1, 2020
- School districts may use distance learning to make up any number of days or hours necessary to meet minimum instructional hour requirements

There will be additional guidance that follows this legislation and we commit to providing updates as information is received.

Finally, we wanted to reiterate some of the academic information that we have communicated previously. The past two weeks are not considered calamity days by the state. We were in "school", just in a non-traditional method of delivery. District policies and regulations regarding online work and Internet safety apply to students when they are using their Chromebooks or completing assigned work. We will share additional information regarding remote learning at Buckeye Valley in response to the governor's extension of remote learning will be forthcoming.

**Issues with logins or other aspects of online education at home?**

Fill out this [form](#) to inform us of your issue and we will direct it to the proper person to provide help and solutions. Be sure to reach out to the online Tech Support [here](#). Our goal will be to follow-up within 24 hours. Additional information about the 2nd round of Chromebook pick-ups will come later this week.

We will continue to monitor the Governor's press conferences and will provide updates if anything changes related to the original order for schools.

Have a great week and remember Buckeye Valley, we will come through this as a community of learners!

Stay Healthy!

Andy Miller  
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Buckeye Valley Local Schools