

Breathitt County Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The health and safety of our students and staff are the highest priority for our school district. While there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our district, we are nonetheless making preparations for the continuation of learning and food services for students in the event that the Breathitt County Health Department and the Commonwealth of Kentucky make the recommendation that schools close. For up to date information, please visit the KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services COVID-19 website at kycovid19.ky.gov.

On Thursday, March 12, the Breathitt County Board of Education approved our application for the use of Non-Traditional Instruction Days. This application will now be submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education. In the event that schools are closed due to health concerns, the Breathitt County School District will begin implementing Non-Traditional Instruction days.

Non-Traditional Instruction days provide an opportunity for learning to continue even on days when school is closed due to inclement weather or illness. Learning will take place utilizing the same digital platforms that are being used in classrooms across the district. Students will use digital, educational programs they are already familiar with in order to complete assignments. For those students who do not have access to the Internet, a paper copy of assignments will be provided.

What to Expect on an NTI day:

- When the decision is made to utilize an NTI day, you will receive a call from Mr. Watts via School Messenger (call and text), social media, district webpage and app, and news media outlets.
- Teachers will be available to answer questions and assist students with assignments.
- Teachers will be available via email (firstname.lastname@breathitt.kyschools.us) and through established classroom communication procedures. Parents or students may also call the school and leave a message.
- Teachers will respond to student and parent questions in a timely manner.

The Breathitt County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or handicap in employment, educational programs, or activities. The Title IX Coordinator can be contacted at the Breathitt County Schools District Office, 420 Court St., Jackson, KY 41339 Phone: 606-666-2491.

Breathitt County Schools will continue to provide a free breakfast and lunch to all children. Parents/Guardians will need to call the school cafeteria and place a request for a breakfast and/or lunch. Meals will be available daily from Monday – Friday with breakfast from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM and lunch from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. You can call the following numbers to schedule pick-up of meals at any of the following locations:

Highland Turner Elementary School – 606-693-4993
Sebastian Elementary School – 606-693-4956
Marie Roberts Caney Elementary School – 606-693-4983

As always, our district is committed to keeping parents, families, and the community informed. Up-to-date information will be shared through School Messenger (call and text), social media, district webpage and app, and news media outlets as it becomes available via our established procedures.

Thank you,



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