



## PARENT NOTIFICATION

March 13, 2020

As COVID-19 Coronavirus continues to spread across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all sectors of society are being impacted, including the public education system. The goal is to slow the spread of the virus, and lessen the impact on the population.

Based on feedback from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) – as well as in consultation with Wilkes-Barre Area School District and other districts in Intermediate #18, **Bear Creek Community Charter School will be CLOSED for at least ten (10) school days beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. We anticipate reopening school on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>; however, a firm decision on reopening has not been made.** This decision will be made in consultation with the CDC, state government, and our chartering district. We understand the tremendous inconvenience this will cause students, parents and others and do not take this decision lightly. The safety of our students, staff and families has been - and always will be - our first priority.

Students will be provided a packet of remedial work today that they can do at home during their absence from school. The material being provided are not new concepts – they are concepts which have already been introduced to students. The purpose of providing this materials is to reinforce what students have already learned, and to help prevent any regression or “slide in learning.”

We are also working to open access to iReady to students at home. Students utilize this internet-based software at school for both Math and Reading; and we are working to make it available to students at home. Students in kindergarten and first grade use a picture card to log in. A copy of those picture cards will be included in the take-home packet for students in kindergarten and first grade. All other students have a login and password, which they should already know. If you have any questions regarding iReady or iReady logins, please e-mail Mrs. Smith at [jennifer.smith@bearcreekschool.com](mailto:jennifer.smith@bearcreekschool.com)

Bear Creek Community Charter School will continue to keep our stakeholders informed via PENS alerts, social media, e-mail newsletters, and our school web site. **We ask that parents check the school's web site daily – particularly the web page of their child's teachers.** These can be accessed online using the following URL:

**<http://www.bearcreekschool.com/teacher.php>**

A few other items to note:

All administrators, office staff, maintenance staff and housekeeping staff are to report to work as scheduled on Monday, March 16, 2020.

The enrollment lottery for the 2020-2021 school year will still be held on Monday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Although Pennsylvania law requires that this event be open to the public, it is not necessary for parents to attend. We will work to have the outcome, including wait lists for each grade, posted on the School's web site by Noon on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Trustees meeting will still be held on Monday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

All other school and activities typically held on the campus of Bear Creek Community Charter School are cancelled starting Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> until further notice.

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I appreciate everyone's understanding as the situation develops.

Please stay safe.

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