



Newsletter

Your weekly updates from BCS



A message from the superintendent

"Be STRONG, because things will get better. It may be stormy now, but it never rains forever."

Dear Bessemer City Schools Family,

These last few weeks have been uncharted waters, to say the least. We are experiencing times like never before. We do not have the answers, we do not understand, and we simply are not sure what is to come. Our society is under numerous health recommendations and orders, we are living cautiously, small-businesses worry about remaining open, we are checking on family members, and being servants to others by volunteering. Then, there is the big question for us..."WILL WE RETURN TO SCHOOL? And if so, WHEN"?

As your Superintendent, I want to encourage you during this time. Your school and district leaders are working daily (virtually or in the office) to ensure that Bessemer City School System is prepared. We will be proactive,



Keep learning

Visit our website (besk12.org) for a list of supplemental resources.



No state testing

All state assessments are waived this year.



Deep cleaning

Taking place at all BCS buildings.



SCHOOL YEAR

We will notify you once we hear from the State Dept. of Ed. Until then, remember, we are out - not off.



GRADUATION

Plan B for graduation is in the works. We will notify you with details once they are finalized.

prepared with plans, and ready to communicate our next steps to you when appropriate.

After this week, *we are “out,” not “off.”* Although this week is our true spring break week, many of us will be around the area working, providing meals and snacks for parents, organizing laptops, cleaning rooms, and academic planning.

During this time away from campus, we want to ensure students are still academically engaged, fed, and most of all safe and healthy. You can expect to hear from your teachers in some way (i.e., phone call, email, videos, whatever works). Many have already begun to do so. We will use this time to lift one another up. So parents and students, please join us in creatively connecting with one another. Remember, we are Bessemer City Schools. We are strong. We take care of one another.

Finally, this too will pass. Therefore, make this time count. Be encouraged, stay well, practice social/physical distancing, stay academically engaged, READ books and articles, take care of others.

I can't wait for us to be back together soon! We will make progress in Bessemer City Schools!! Enjoy your spring break.

- *Dr. Autumm Jeter,*

Superintendent



THE BEST OF BESSEMER!

We couldn't deliver our best without having the best people on our team. Today, we highlight our Director of Student Services, Mrs. Barbara McCoy, who oversees our school nurses and is the lead for our pandemic preparedness plan. As the spread of COVID-19 has thrown us all into a tailspin, Mrs. McCoy has been at the helm of ensuring parents are informed and that our preparedness plan is carried out.

She has organized our food and snack contributions and continues working with businesses to secure a continuing supply of donations. Her work has led to hundreds of children being fed and our ability to feed seniors in need.

She, along with other team members, have worked constantly during this trying time, to ensure we continue serving our children and our community. Thank you for embodying the best of Bessemer City Schools!



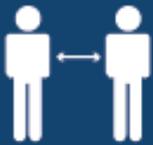
DON'T FORGET:

Stay connected to Bessemer City Schools for the latest information -

- Via website @ bessk12.org
- Facebook @BCSTigers
- Instagram @BCSTigers
- Snapchat @BessemerCitySchools
- YouTube @BCSTigers



COVID19 Safety



SOCIAL DISTANCE

If you must go out, be sure to keep six to ten feet between you and others.



WASH OFTEN

Wash your hands often or use alcohol rich hand sanitizer.



STAY HOME

The best way to protect yourself and others is to stay home as much as possible.