BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT
Friday, May 1, 2020
by Superintendent Dr. Kriner Cash for Governor Cuomo

FOOD & NUTRITION – Total meals served to date: 758,849
Monday-Wednesday-Friday Pick-up 11:00am to 1:00pm at 28 Community School sites
Meals on Monday, April 27
• 4 meals each for 2X Monday and 2X Tuesday
• 43,200 meals / pick-up & delivery
Meals on Wednesday, April 29
• 4 meals each for 2X Wednesday and 2X Thursday
• 42,320 meals / pick-up & delivery
Meals on Friday, May 1
• 6 meals each for 2X Friday, 2X Saturday, and 2X Sunday
• 65,400 meals / pick-up & delivery
Food Service Personnel:
• 142 Food Service Workers
• 112 @ 28 sites
• 30 @ Commissary

VOLUNTEERS for MEAL DISTRIBUTION/DELIVERY – 90 individuals and community groups
• 35+ volunteers dispatched every Monday and Wednesday from our commissary (central food preparation center)
• 2 volunteers per car with a zip code routing sheet
• 15,744 meals delivered for this week (M-W-F)
• 50,442 total meals delivered to date

Total Meals for week of Monday, 4/27 – 5/1: 110,920

Community Donations for Food Service and miscellaneous use:
• 700 Dominoes Pizza for families at Schools: 3, 30, 37, 50/66, Olmsted, Bennett, I-Prep
• 120 food-filled backpacks each for 28 sites from Feed More WNY
• 5000 Face Masks - Donated by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz
• 500 Face Masks and 1000 Medical Gloves - Donated by Drs. Sam and Todd Shatkin (plastic surgeon and dentist respectively)
• 5000 Face Masks on order from Independent Health Foundation
• 2500 individually wrapped hand wipes from WellNow Urgent Care
• 14,000 Disney books donated by The Teacher's Desk
• 12,000 decks of cards donated by Project Play WNY
• School supplies donated by UB School of Social Work, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Read to Succeed, and Afterschool Network of Buffalo
• 600 back packs filled with household items and non-perishables donated by FeedMore WNY
• 3360 food-filled backpacks donated by FeedMore WNY
• 6000 additional books donated by The Teachers Desk
• 1000 masks from the Chinese Club of Western New York

SECURITY
• 28 Security Officers @ 28 sites
• 10 Off-duty Buffalo Police at more highly utilized schools

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BUILDING ADMINISTRATION
- 28 Principals
- 1 Principal at each of 28 sites

CLEANING & SANITIZATION
All 28 Foodservice/Healthcare sites are cleaned and sanitized daily before and after operations. All BPS buildings are in a "summer clean" process which includes:
- Furniture Cleaning and Sanitization with Hospital Grade Disinfectants
- Floor Scrubbing and Sanitization with Hospital Grade Disinfectants
- Restroom Cleaning and Sanitization with Hospital Grade Disinfectants

Current Cleaning Workforce:
- 44 Regular Engineers and 12 Substitutes
- 250 Full Time Custodians and 200 Part Time Custodians

HEALTH & WELLNESS
- 56 Nurses provided
- 2 each at 28 sites

CONTINUITY OF INSTRUCTION
Thousands of our teachers continue to work diligently each day with Instructional Technology Coaches for e-teaching skills, which they use to communicate lessons and feedback to their students through prepared learning packets, Schoology and other online platforms. Teachers also communicate on Workplace by Facebook, where they share emerging best practice ideas and tips. BPS teachers and staff have become highly innovative in developing and sharing these best practices as we work together to care for the whole child--from food service, to academics, to the social-emotional welfare of our students. The District has begun implementing a comprehensive new grading system for student academic work for Q3 and Q4.

Schoology Usage From April 24 through April 30:
- Active Student Users: 16,147
- Active Student Sessions: 208,829
- Active Teacher Users: 2,640
- Active Teacher Sessions: 45,194

Teachers (Schoology)
- 12,464 assessments created
- 73,652 assignments created
- 22,768 discussions created

Students (Schoology)
- 60,036 tests/quizzes submitted
- 144,028 assignments submitted
- 272,978 discussions submitted

Special Education April 25 through May 1:
- 475 Annual Review meetings (292 BPS, 60 Agency, 40 CPSE and 83 Charter/non-pub)
- Related Service staff began implementation of teletherapy
  - Speech sessions - 880
  - OT sessions - 752
  - PT sessions - 119
  - IEP counseling sessions - 306

3268 online professional development courses were completed by teachers, teacher assistants, and teacher aides as of 4/17.

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TECHNOLOGY

Spectrum Programs
The Buffalo Public Schools is committed to providing internet access to all of our student households. In an effort to better assist BPS student households, Spectrum is offering two internet programs to qualifying K-12 student households. New subscribers can sign up for 60 days of free internet access with previous past due balances waived. Also, all BPS student households may qualify for a substantially discounted rate for internet access as part of the Spectrum Internet Assist Program. Dr. Cash has written a letter in support of these programs, affirming that all BPS students participate in the National School Lunch program which is a qualification requirement for Spectrum’s Internet Assistance Program. For more information, Dr. Cash’s letter, and the forms needed to apply, please visit this page.

Mobile Hot Spot Request
Parents who elect not to pursue or participate in the Spectrum programs may submit a request for a mobile hot spot by completing this survey.

The Buffalo Public Schools’ team developed an upgraded technology proposal for Continuity of Instruction. The proposal has been submitted via application for approval of expedited Emergency Smart Schools Bond funding. The request for technology needed to establish districtwide equity for our BPS Learning From Home initiative includes the following:

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<td>Student 9-12 Laptops with Cords</td>
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<td>Mobile Hot Spots</td>
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- Distributed over 7,500 student laptops to grades 9-12 on March 17th
- **Distributed devices for grades 3-8 (14,251 devices in total) beginning on the week of April 14th**
  - As of May 1st, nearly 80% have been picked up
- Began distributing mobile hot spots to 75 AP student households without internet access
  - 2,242 hot spots available
  - Survey active since April 4th to identify and accurately assess student household need for internet access
  - 30 of 75 picked up
  - Preparing to send reminders and begin distribution for next group for HS students next week

STUDENT TRACKING
The Buffalo Public Schools has built a student tracker survey for teachers to record the number of students they were able to contact and engage in academic activity with each week. By selecting the appropriate grade/subject for their roster of students, teachers input the quantity of students they contacted and for those students not contacted, teachers will select the name from a drop down list based on roster and identify the attempted contact method.

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CHILDCARE

1) Of approximately 2,100 individuals who took the child care assistance survey on the BPS homepage, approximately 160 have indicated they are in an essential job per the Governor’s Executive Order and need assistance with child care as of 5/1/20. Approximately 1,100 slots are available to District parents.

2) All respondents have been contacted by our community partner, Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) and offered placement options. On average, a few more parent submissions and contacts are made each day.

3) Each day, survey results are provided to our partner, CCRN. CCRN indicates to us that there is sufficient availability in child care slots to address the District need.

Respectfully,

Kriner Cash
Superintendent