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BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT
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Submitted to Governor Cuomo by Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent

FOOD & NUTRITION
Monday-Wednesday-Friday Pick-up 11:00 to 1:00
Meals Picked up Monday, March 23
• 4 meals each for 2x Monday and 2x Tuesday
• 18,000 meals total picked-up for Monday and Tuesday consumption
• 28 school sites

Food Service Personnel:
• 142 Food Service Workers
• 112 @ 28 sites
• 30 @ Commissary

VOLUNTEERS for SERVICE & MEAL DISTRIBUTION/DELIVERY
• 18 volunteers dispatched from our commissary (central food preparation center)
• 2 volunteers per car with a zip code routing sheet
• 700 meals distributed for Monday and Tuesday
• District will add an additional 20 volunteers for Wednesday distribution in anticipation of increased volume

Total Meals: 18,700

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

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

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:
• High area dusting
• 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
• 12 Substitute Engineers
• 250 Full Time Custodians
• 200 Part Time Custodians

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CONTINUITY OF INSTRUCTION

Thousands of our teachers are working 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. Finally, as the Education Bargain describes, we must now rely more than ever on the full partnership of our parents for the continuity of educational opportunity for all of our children.

CHILDCARE

Q: How many school sites are set up? How many students in the school sites?
The BPS is collaborating with the Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) and the 185 child care provider sites they support and monitor in the Buffalo area. As a result of our recent survey of parents in essential jobs pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order, 78 parents responded that they needed assistance with child care. CCRN reached out today to these parents in order to secure a placement in available slots around Buffalo. Each day, CCRN will review survey data in order to contact parents making new requests.

Q: How many other sites that school is working with?
Through CCRN, the BPS has access to approximately 185 child care sites in the area. As of today, CCRN has indicated that there are sufficient slots to address BPS essential health care worker family needs.

Q: How many participants (children in the centers)?
CCRN will be reporting placement data to us by next week. They are trying to determine the most effective way to track BPS students since parents from all Erie County districts may use local child care sites as a result of working in Buffalo. This is particularly the case for 0-4 year-olds.

Q: Are other groups involved?
BPS is working collaboratively with the following partners to develop our child care plan:

City of Buffalo Division of Youth Services; Erie County Department of Social Services; Say Yes Buffalo; Kimberly Suminski, Child Care Resource Network; Lynn Pullano, LDPullano Resources Consulting Firm; Jessica Bauer-Walker, Executive Director CoNECT (Community Network for Engagement, Connection and Transformation); and Community Health Worker Network of Buffalo.

Q: Number of Volunteers?
Should CCRN need assistance in conducting the outreach and placement services, the BPS will support CCRN by soliciting volunteers from its workforce to make calls to parents and to make connections to child care placements. These individuals would be unpaid volunteers, who, of their own volition, assist CCRN under their direction. CCRN has not indicated yet that they are in need of volunteers.

Respectfully,

Kriner Cash
Superintendent

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