



Benton Community School Corporation
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Dear BCSC Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to send out clarification following the news conference by Governor Holcomb Thursday afternoon. At this news conference Governor Holcomb issued a statewide mandate for school closure through May 1st for all Indiana Public Schools. This establishes that all corporations, including ours, will not return to school until at least that date. The process that every school corporation operates during these days is left to that school corporation following state established guidelines. Those guidelines currently established are that schools have at least 160 educational days and can use 20 waiver days to meet the 180 day requirement.

This directive does not change our current plan. We have used this current week (March 16-20) as waived days; we will be on our scheduled spring break next week (March 23-27); on Monday, March 30 we begin eLearning for 2 weeks. This gets our corporation through Friday, April 10. Once final preparations and decisions are made, additional notification will be sent on how our corporation calendar will operate from April 13 – May 1. I will tell you that some number of waiver days will be used at the beginning of this block of days.

The Grab and Go program for meals provided by our school corporation has started and is working. Please make sure to use the sign-up process weekly if you are using this service. We will be communicating by e-mail, website postings and social media.

All schools have upcoming events on their schedule. Communications will continue to be made as our schools calendar of events change due to state and federal guidelines.

I truly appreciate everyone being flexible and understanding during these unprecedented times. Our pledge is to do all we can to ensure that decisions we make are in the best interest of our students, staff and community.

Sincerely,

Gregg Hoover
Superintendent
Benton Community School Corporation

