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Good afternoon, Bowe Parents & Guardians:

I hope this message finds everyone as healthy and well as possible during this challenging time. As you are all fully aware by now, today is Day One of our off-site/virtual/online delivery of educational and support services to our Bowe children and families.

Our teachers and support staff have been working diligently to prepare for what proved to be an inevitable school closure. At this moment, our teachers are continuing to work to create learning experiences that are tied to the standards and our existing curriculum, and our entire educational support staff is working to share resources and to deliver direct support services to those in need.

Our superintendent, business administrator, CAO, and the entire district level admin and support staff team are busy coordinating a multitude of district-wide efforts, including the effort to provide breakfast and lunch to our students at no cost to our families (shout out to Chartwells Food Service as well) during this school closure. The technology team is supporting our off-site/virtual/online delivery model which is certainly at an unprecedented scale at the moment. And our custodial and maintenance supervisor and his team are busy cleaning and maintaining the buildings and ensuring they will be ready when we ultimately reopen.

I certainly encourage you to continue to access our district and Bowe website - <https://www.gpsd.us/Page/1529> - as we will continue to update it with resources and information for the duration of the closure. As we are all experiencing this instructional and educational support delivery model for the first time, we will inevitably be tinkering and tweaking our approach over time to best support you and our students. We appreciate your support and understanding.

To ensure you are accessing the most up-to-date assignments for your children, the first stop should always be the individual websites of your children's teacher(s) -

<https://www.gpsd.us/site/Default.aspx?PageType=1&SiteID=210&ChannelID=222>

[&DirectoryType=6](#). They will be updating their sites frequently as they continue to develop and share out materials.

Our entire staff will also be checking their emails frequently – at least twice daily 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM – and will respond as soon as they can.

Ms. Belcher (Guidance – tbelcher@gpsd.us), Dr. Light (SEL/Guidance – mstevenson@gpsd.us), and Ms. Clark (CST-LDTC – yclark@gpsd.us) will be offering “Office Hours” between 9:00 and 11:00 AM daily during the week. Reach out via email to set up a conference call during that time if needed.

Ms. Begolly (Nurse – dbegolly@gpsd.us) is also available as a resource. Reach out via email if you need to set up a phone conference.

If you need to reach me or Mrs. Marchese, we are certainly available to support your needs. Send an email with your inquiries and/or needs and we will respond as promptly as we can – cstephenson@gpsd.us and kmarchese@gpsd.us.

Collectively, we will work tirelessly to give our students the academic and emotional support they need during this school closure. Stay strong, Bowe and Glassboro families! We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

Craig S. Stephenson

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