

**March 23, 2020**

**Updated Message from Superintendent Doug Schuch Regarding COVID-19**

Earlier today, Governor Northam extended the school closure in all Virginia schools through the end of the 2019-20 school year in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. I realize how upsetting this news is to our learners, their families, and our entire community, as we all attempt to process exactly what this may mean for public education and life in general in Bedford County for the foreseeable future. In the days ahead, we expect to receive guidance from our state department of education about how this closure will impact us during the next several months, and we will make sure to share that information with you as it becomes available. This state guidance should include how we should interpret the academic standing of our current students, especially for those who are expecting to graduate in May 2020. Please continue to look for updates on our BCPS website as we share new information and follow all health and safety guidelines published by government officials.

