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Dear Broward County Public Schools Community,

To safeguard our students, staff, families and the greater Broward County community against the coronavirus, beginning Monday, March 16, District schools will temporarily close. This closure begins next week and continues through the following week, which is our regularly scheduled Spring Break. This means, there is no school for students from March 16 through March 27.

All District employees, except for identified essential personnel, will not be required to report to work from March 16 - 20. Beginning the week of March 23, all employees who are on calendar, and thus previously scheduled to work, will return to work.

We know the impact school closures have on families. Therefore, our District-operated Before and After School Child Care Department will offer free child care to Broward County Public Schools families at nine locations, which will be confirmed for parents to register by Sunday. On-site registration will also be available on Monday. Priority will be given to families of Broward County Public Schools employees and Broward County Emergency personnel, such as police, firefighters and medical staff.

In addition, we will provide food to students on free or reduced-priced meals and their families. These meals will be available at eight high schools across the District: Blanche Ely, Boyd Anderson, Dillard, Charles W. Flanagan, Hallandale, Miramar, Nova and J.P. Taravella.

We will continue to provide information about resources available to students and families during the temporary closure of our schools on our District's website browardschools.com/coronavirus.

We appreciate the spirit of our parents, families, teachers and staff as we navigate through the challenges of staying healthy while we continue to educate our students.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools