Dear EBHS Parents/Guardians:

Our Superintendent, Dr. Valeski has recently sent communication to our district regarding school closing and online learning days beginning on **Monday, March 16th**. During this time our teachers, counselors, child study team and administrators will remain committed towards continuing your child's education through the use of Canvas. Since September, your child has used Canvas and their laptop to facilitate learning. We will now continue utilizing Canvas as our online learning management system for instruction and communication. Please ensure they are logging into their Canvas classroom’s and email on a daily basis.

Starting Monday (3/16) we will be using an A/B schedule. This means students will be responsible for work in 4 classes per day. A Days will be periods 1-4 and B Days will be periods 5-12. All students are required to follow their (A Day - B Day schedules) utilizing Canvas for all instructional communications, activities, and assignments. Daily attendance will be monitored through students logging in and engaging in the learning. To that end, I ask that your child follows their regularly scheduled classes by logging into Canvas and visiting their A day classes "on A day"….followed by their B day classes "on B days". There your child will find assignments, learning activities, and other resources to continue their education during this temporary health related closure. Students should check their school email account for information and communication from myself and other school staff.

Therefore, Monday (3/16) will be an A Day and students should log into their classes for periods 1-4. Once in the classrooms our teachers will be providing specific guidance similar to the way they have been doing since September. The online learning will be predominately asynchronous meaning that work can be completed at the student’s pace and schedule. Yet, there will also be days when synchronous activities take place. During these times students may be meeting individually, or as a class in real time with staff through video, live chat or discussions. We do recommend that students log in during normal school hours to work and communicate with staff. Critical places to focus upon daily when logging into Canvas are the announcements, calendar, assignment area, and discussion forums.

Also, during this time our school counselors and child study team members will be available should you have any questions, or if you child needs specific support. The best way to contact these staff members is their school email.

Finally, I will be communicating with all EBHS students regularly using their school email account. These emails will contain status updates, resources and links to support their online learning. Please make sure your child checks their school email daily. In addition, BlackBoard emails, phone calls and text messages will be used to communicate with parent/guardians. My goal will be to keep all EBHS students and parents/guardians informed each step of the way.

Having worked in East Brunswick for the past 25 years, one thing I know is that when challenges arise, we all come together to do what is best for our children. I am confident this time will be no different. Although there is no substitute for face to face learning, rest assured the EBHS staff has been preparing for this event and will ensure all students success.
It is my hope that your child and your entire family stay safe and healthy during this time. Please feel free to reach out to our staff for any academic or emotional needs. Thank you, I will be in touch again soon.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Vinella
Principal