

Parents and Students,

We attempted to answer general questions concerning the start of school in last week's call. Since that time, we have had the ability to present to the board our plan to assist teachers and parents with the virtual components that will be necessary for the beginning of school no matter the choice you as parents make. We realize that making a decision concerning whether or not your child will physically attend school in the fall is a difficult one. Please keep in mind this is a very fluid situation, for example, the governor made decisions regarding masks on Saturday and we may have to adapt as these decisions are given to us by our state health officials.

Here's what we can answer so far:

- Devices: If you need a device for your child, you may contact your child's school to check one out after August 5th.
- Internet access: We are working with internet providers and our local volunteer fire departments to set up hotspots within 10 miles of all of our students' homes.
- If choosing the fully virtual option, parents and students must commit to at least one 9-week period.
- Google Classrooms will be available to all students and teachers have been trained in its use by a Google Certified Educator.
- Administrators will meet to discuss curriculum options on Friday morning. There will be another call Friday afternoon with more details concerning fully virtual curriculum. The only options being considered at this time are Google Classroom for K-12 and potentially Courseware for 6-12. The number of students choosing virtual classrooms may impact this decision. No matter if Google Classroom or Courseware is chosen, it will be administered by a Beauregard Parish teacher.
- We have no way of knowing the status of athletics or extracurricular activities, but we will keep you informed as details from health officials become available.
- Google Classroom assignments will be graded and placed in JCampus. Grades can be checked on Parent Command.
- Google Classroom training for parents is being scheduled by school community and we strongly encourage you to attend no matter if your child will be attending face to face or virtually.
- Facial coverings are only suggested at this time and we will keep you updated if this changes.

I hope this call will assist you in making a decision and another call will be made on Friday afternoon following the administrator meeting. Please keep in mind that the health of your children is a primary concern of the Beauregard Parish School system and we will continue to follow recommendations given by state health officials. Having said this, we hope you will continue to strongly consider the face to face options that will be available when we start school.