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Banyan School Response Plan for District Closure

Coronavirus/COVI-19

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If informed that we must close, the Banyan School will notify all stakeholders, including Sending Districts/Case Managers, Parents and Transportation Companies via multiple means:

- Realtime Notification System (Phone, email and text message)
- Email distribution lists
- Website notification

We will provide a distance learning program for our students that will be hybrid in nature, as it will include both paper copies of lesson materials, 3D manipulatives, and online resources including use of the following:

- Prepared Educational “Go-Bags” – one per student to send home with any paper resources, trade books/literature, manipulatives needed
- All parents were surveyed to determine their at-home technology resources. Most had the hardware needed to enable students to participate remotely via computer, internet and web cam. Any students without internet/computer access were accommodated, either with a loan of a laptop (older students) or paper materials (youngest students). Decisions were made collaboratively based upon developmental levels and parent-teacher consultation.
- Zoom is being used as a platform for Video/Voice recording and storage of lessons that students/ families can download for Home Instruction Purposes at their convenience.
- Utilization of online subscription-based resources will be used, including but not limited to the following:
 - Google Classroom
 - Learning Ally
 - RAZ Kids
 - Moby Max
 - Lexia Core
 - Curriculum based online resources

Other response efforts include:

- Education of students has been conducted and continues re:
 - Handwashing
 - Proper hygiene
 - How to avoid the spread of disease
- Parents have been contacted via email and letter with updates and information
- Staff have been trained in the use of Zoom and are conversant with Google Classroom, so that we are ready to deliver distance learning for as long a period as necessary.
- Staff have been provided released time to prepare. On March 16 we are closed for students but open for staff for meeting, training and planning purposes.
- The administrative team has kept current on all guidance provided, and has submitted questions to the DOH when uncertain, and will continue to seek further guidance from the DOE.