

Technology



BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of Instructional
Technology

- Distributed over 7,500 student laptops to grades 9-12
- Preparing to begin distribution of devices for grades 3-8 (14,251 devices)
- Preparing to distribute mobile hot spots to student households without internet access
 - 2,242 hot spots available
 - Survey will be active by Friday to identify, assess, and target accurate need to maximize distribution
 - Begin with grades 9-12

Teachers (Schoology)

- 6,040 assessments created
- 34,253 assignments created
- 13,482 discussions created

Students (Schoology)

- 14,495 tests/quizzes submitted
- 39,131 assignments submitted
- 212,184 discussions submitted

Instruction



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Teachers created instructional packets for approximately 3 weeks worth of work; district working to provide additional PK-8 material through April 14

Principals are consistently and uniquely communicating all of the various Learning from Home initiatives being implemented by the district

The District

- created checklists for teachers to determine what materials to send home with students
- supplemented packets by providing CLRI lessons, book-logs, high-frequency words lists, and higher-order questions to accompany reading selections
- created grade-level Schoology courses with additional supplemental resources; these include special education, bilingual, and ENL resources, as well
- created sample schedules to help normalize the learning-from-home experience for students
- monitoring developments with the College Board and keeping AP teachers abreast of online opportunities for students
- monitoring usage of online credit accrual and recovery courses and communicating with schools



Special Education

- Special education teachers scaffolded/modified material for take home packets
- Special education teachers contact students regularly to provide academic supports
- Psychologists and social workers connect with students to provide social emotional support
- Committees conduct Annual Review meetings remotely
- Hotline established to support families



Multilingual

- 72 education related documents translated
- 55 calls made by Cultural Resource Specialists
- 15 families per day contacted by our Academic Coaches through Journey's End Refugee Services grant
- 397 families reached via Talking Points
- 3868 messages sent by staff
- 3275 messages received
- Most common Talking Point message topics from parents:

Food	54	Clever	217
Help	650	Schoology	507
Family	270	Class Dojo	155
		Nearpod	17

Examples:

School 31 has sent 399 messages home to families and 78 announcements this month.

School 48 has sent 386 messages and 51 announcements this month.



Grading

We have been developing guidance regarding grading to be shared with students/parents/teachers/admin. We are working to provide equitable methods of assessment while we take into account a number of considerations and the many unknowns, as well. In the meantime, teachers will continue to collect work and provide meaningful feedback, being mindful of the stress that many students and families are experiencing at this time.

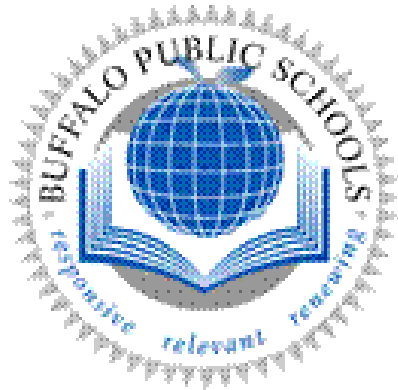


Professional Development

- Staff Development released numerous online professional development courses for teachers, administrators, and teacher assistants; new courses added regularly
- 1105 online courses completed as of 3/31
- IT and Staff Development are providing ongoing support and technical assistance to teachers transitioning to delivering instruction remotely
- Mentors are using Schoology to make daily contact with 107 new teachers

Kaitlyn Lippincott to BPS Sharing and Celebrations
March 26 at 7:24 AM · 🌐

Kindergartners at school #37 are learning to use technology to complete word problems. Students used their knowledge for number bonds to solve the problems.



M Maria Defeo
March 28 at 9:12 AM

Looks like it was the perfect timing to receive training for Talking Points. Just a great tool to have! We are using talking points for our in 2nd grade, and for the 6th graders, mostly schoology as well, as that is where they are comfortable. They know they can respond and go for their work in those folders. We just keep reminding them that they have all their resources with them, whether it is hard copy or uploaded files. Of course reminding them how to stay safe and knowing that we are in this together!

Michelle Zimmerman
March 26 at 10:08 AM

This cheer is for the #309 East Community Family who are keeping it positive and utilizing technology to keep a focused learning experience for our students and each other!

N Nicole Schiske
March 25 at 10:10 AM

I have been using TalkingPoints and Schoology to communicate with my students. I found that as an ENL teacher, my parents like to reach out on TalkingPoints when they have questions. I have also been scaffolding the work that was sent home by classroom teachers for those who need it and have been sending it via the picture function on TalkingPoints. It seems to be helping.

Gregory Johnson to BPS Sharing and Celebrations
March 27 at 6:23 PM · 🌐

The entire School 54 team held virtual grade level meetings today, from clerical to transportation to teachers to admin! We shared best practices, challenges, and ways we can all support each other and our families over the next few weeks! Way to go team!

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Sarah Edwards shared a group 🌐.
March 26 at 6:47 AM

Do you have a question about instructional software or a particular curricular program?? We are offering assistance to all of our teachers who are working hard to provide remote instruction to students. Come join the conversation in the Instructional Support Group. Instructional Technology Coaches, Literacy Coaches and Math Support Is available from 8AM-4PM Monday through Friday.

H Heather Short-English to BPS Sharing and Celebrations
March 27 at 3:08 PM · 🌐

Holding our Admin meeting with Julie Walsh and Benjamin Willis in Lifesize!!! What a great meeting too! Thank you to Kevin Pezzino for the support and tutorial. We can't wait to see our teacher teams next week!! BTW check out the meeting time 🍷 — with Julie Walsh.



D Deirdre Maher
March 27 at 11:13 AM

ELA Coaching Hour on School 30 Lifesize



Joseph Molfese
March 28 at 10:32 AM · 🌐



TOMORROW AT 11 AM
Schoology Conferences and Lifesize for
online Meetings

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★ Interested

K Kathryn Foy
March 27 at 9:51 AM · 🌐

HBBA #76 teachers are using this time to sharpen their skills in addition to daily lessons and communication with families! Thanks to our IT Dept, Sarah Edwards, and her staff for all the tech support and PD. Keep it coming!!

👍❤️ You and 2 others

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