

# LONGFELLOW MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings Longfellow Families,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy. We are definitely in a trying moment. I thank you all for your patience. As a parent of 3 children, I completely understand your worries and frustrations at this time. As a district we have all been working as quickly as possible with the fast changing circumstances. I will work to keep you informed with the most consistent information possible. Here is some basic information:

## **District actions:**

- A team of district leaders, site leaders, teacher leaders, and volunteer teachers are working on a basic outline for how instruction can/will be delivered. I don't have lots of details on this, but I do know they will utilize state and federal guidelines and support in their planning.
- The Home Learning Resources page on the district website provides options for families as a plan is sorted out. This is also the place for the very latest updates of what is happening for BUSD. Please use the district website as your first line of information: <https://www.berkeleyschools.net/>
- School administrators have a daily meeting with the Executive Director of Schools to both provide updated information and to receive information/questions from principals.
- A plan for chromebook distribution has been put in place.

## **Longfellow actions:**

- In accordance with the initial district directive Longfellow has solely directed families to the busd home learning resources page.
- In preparation for the upcoming plan and for a longer term of school closure, the Longfellow administration and Leadership Team (a team of teacher leaders) have begun to work to identify our on hand instructional resources, our specific student needs, and several ideas for instructional delivery and student support.
- Many teachers may reach out to students and families to let you know they are thinking of you and working to end this year well.

Longfellow is truly a strong community. Many of us have deep roots and connections to the school and the larger BUSD community. At times like this, when resources, time, and information can be limited, systematic action is best to ensure all we do remains equitable. So, I am asking teachers and parents to send questions and concerns to me and I will forward them to the appropriate district personnel. We are intentionally not trying to resolve things on our own, as to avoid confusion and/or miscommunication. Please, reach out to me or district personnel with procedural questions, as teachers will be busy prepping for instruction when the district plan is shared. We are all waiting on specific directives. Our current actions are simply to make sure we keep Longfellow student needs at the forefront.

**Next Steps:**

- The chromebook distribution plan is currently focusing on specific students. Longfellow now has a list of students and they will be contacted directly for chromebook pickup on Weds. Any additional chromebook distribution will be announced by the district.
- A LOT is going on, so I will try and share immediate communications through very specific avenues: PTA Website, The etree, Longfellow Library Website, Illuminate email, and via phone blasts (phone blasts won't be as detailed as letters).
- When I receive the latest update on the district's plan, I'll update families on any significant shifts in action.
- A Longfellow specific plan, that aligns with the district plan, will be shared ASAP.

Please utilize the following resources as needed:

[OFEE Resources During Closure](#)

[Basic Food Needs/Necesidades alimenticias básicas](#)

[More Resources, including internet/Más recursos, incluido internet](#)

I know this is quite a bit to take in. Please trust that we are working hard and that your student comes first at Longfellow. Also join me in deeply thanking Longfellow teachers and staff for being ready to roll in thoughtful, collaborative ways.

In Community,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Wyatt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacey Wyatt