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MEMO TO: Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Concerns/Suggestions

As we continue to work together in the interests of our students, staff, families and community, we will send concerns and suggestions raised by teachers.

Suggestions from teachers:

- District request slightly outdated laptops from our teachers and community. Set-up way of “cleaning/purging” data from them to ensure all data is removed. Should not be done unless completely cleaned.

Concerns:

- Teachers are doing their best (as always); however, they also have children at home that they are caring for, as well as sick family members.
- Middle school students not given their electronic devices. Primary have none.
- Some teachers do not use schoology. Some not trained to use it.
- Short notice and time to prepare, e.g. one day/hours before.
- Why are teachers giving other teachers directions. How do we know they have been approved and are correct.
- Special Education Teachers – Students did not bring electronic devices home. Many accommodations cannot be provided.
 - Interventions (Mobymax, Lexia and Zearn) are provided electronically. Students don’t have access to them.

Since schools may be closed beyond April 20, 2020, what is the plan?

It is important to reach out to teachers, parents and the community for input and guidance.

Hopefully, the District has set-up advisory boards/committees of health professionals, etc. for regular input and guidance.

We, as always, will continue to work with you.

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