

## COVID 19 – BTA Update #5 (March 20)

Thank-you to all our members for preserving through this difficult week. You have banded together for your students and the community. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

This weekend, I encourage you to take some time for yourself. Rest and recharge.

Next week we move into unchartered territory as we navigate a new reality.

Some things I would like you to keep in mind while delivering distance programming over the next several weeks.

- Maintain professional boundaries. Students and parents could have direct access to you. Make every effort to limit communication to "school hours" only.
- Be mindful of your use of social media. Be aware of your personal on-line presence and public perception.
- Take some time, if you can, to continue to improve professionally. Do some reading, watch a video, etc.
- Take every precaution and follow the advice of public health officials to maintain your personal health and well-being. You need to take care of yourself, if you are going to be of service to your students and the community.
- And above all else, be sure to keep things in perspective. This will pass and we will return to normal.

To our members who are considered "essential services", we need to ensure ALL appropriate measures are in place for your safety. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

The office of the Association will be closed for the time being. <u>Both the Executive Assistant and</u> the BTA President will be monitoring the Association email accounts. <u>Please continue to</u> communicate with us and let us know how we can support you.

You can email us at: <u>office@btateach.com</u> or the BTA President directly at: <u>btapres@mbteach.org</u>. phone: 1-204-483-030.

We are all in this together!

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