

This is a message from Mr. Dray, Superintendent of Bristol Local Schools:

I want to begin by thanking families for working remotely the last two weeks. We know it has been challenging and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We as a staff are always concerned about the the emotional and social wellbeing of our students as they navigate through remote learning away from their fellow classmates. As a result, many of our staff members have incorporated ideas like lunch with the teacher, Christmas carols, opportunities to share talents, and other activities so students have something to look forward to when they log into school every day.

We would like to take some additional steps to help further our support of students in the coming weeks. Our staff has been given the option to reach out to a small number of our students that are struggling with online learning and bring them in for some one on one tutoring sessions next week. Our hope is that we can help some students that are stressed and give them a small boost academically with some extra attention.

We are also planning to allow our athletes to resume some activities in the form of skills training next week. While formal practices are not allowed, skills training is considered an allowable activity under the current health advisory. Skills training would consist of very small groups of athletes working out individually in the gyms with additional safety protocols in place. Our current plan is for this to start on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after school and that practices will hopefully resume officially on December 22<sup>nd</sup> when the advisory expires. Our goal is to create a controlled environment where athletes can work out and develop their skills safely. We wanted to provide a positive outlet and structure for our students who wish to participate in athletics during this remote time. Mr. Collins will reach out to coaches and athletes with more details over the weekend.

Stay safe and have a great evening!