

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Team BCPS Family,

We recognize that some of our Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) students and their families, as well as our staff members and their families, may be experiencing the impact of the partial federal government shutdown. We stand together with those who might be adversely impacted and rest assured that we remain committed to assisting to ease the anxiety that these uncertain times may bring.

Our number one priority has been, and steadfastly remains, the safety, security and well-being of all of our students and staff within Baltimore County Public Schools. Please do not hesitate to contact your school administrator so that resources within the school, including guidance counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists, can be utilized to lend their support.

All families of Baltimore County Public School students adversely affected by the partial federal government shutdown may apply for meal benefits through our Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits Program. As changes in household size and income occur throughout the school year, eligibility can change; therefore, please visit the BCPS Web site for further information. To obtain a hard copy of the Household Meal Benefit Application (HMBA), contact your child's school or call the Office of Food and Nutrition Services (OFNS) at 443-809-7860. Applications will be processed within 24 to 48 hours.

Attached you will find the BCPS Resource/Support Services list and Resource List for Baltimore County Children and Families. These important resources outline some of the services available to our families. In addition, attached is a list of BCPS food pantries located throughout Baltimore County. Families are encouraged to take advantage of the resources that are available through BCPS and throughout the county.

We remain fully committed to working together and encourage you to contact your school administrator or central office staff if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Ms. Verletta White
Interim Superintendent

BCPS RESOURCE/SUPPORT SERVICES

| Resource/Support | Type(s) of Support | Contact/Additional Information |
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| BCPS Food Pantries | The school Pantry Program, sponsored by the MD Food Bank, is designed to provide food for students and their families | Community members are encouraged to go the MD Food Bank website https://mdfoodbank.org/ and click on “I need help finding food near me...” to find the nearest food pantry options. |
| Employee Assistance Program | The EAP is a no-cost employee benefit that is also available to immediate family members. The EAP provides <u>confidential</u> /professional assessments, short-term, problem-focused counseling and referral assistance for employees and their families experiencing problems that may affect work performance, job satisfaction, or overall quality of life. | <p>Janice Zimmerman, LCSW-C, CEAP (Internal EAP Counselor) jjzimmerman@bcps.org Loch Raven Center (formerly Loch Raven Elem. School) 1801 Glen Keith Blvd, Room 100 Baltimore, MD 21286 410-887-5414 FAX: 410-668-8994</p> <p>Cigna EAP (External EAP) 1-888-431-4334 www.cignabehavioral.com Logon ID: baltimore (available 24/7/365 days a year)</p> |
| Food and Nutrition | Assistance with apply for reduced and free meal program (FARM) | School administrator or Food and Nutrition Services at 443 809-7855 |
| Homeless Education | Students identified under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act as homeless, should be referred to pupil personnel worker or school based homeless liaison immediately. | The Homeless Liaison, Erika Hamlet, the Office of Pupil Personnel Services and the Department of Student Support Services are always available for consultation concerning homeless students. Homeless Liaison’s contact number 443-809-6485. |
| Psychological Services | Student counseling; assist students with management of emotions and behaviors; connect families with mental health providers | School administrator or BCPS Department of Psychological Services at 443-809-0303 |
| Pupil Personnel Workers | Case management services for students who are experiencing academic, behavioral, emotional or social difficulties; home visits | School administrator or BCPS Department of Pupil Personnel Workers at 443-809-0404 |
| School Counseling | Individual, group and crisis counseling; assistance with completion of financial aid applications; determine eligibility for fee waivers | <p>School administrator or BCPS Department of School Counseling at 443-809-0291</p> <p>Note: Certain requirements may need to be met for fee waivers. Contact school counselor</p> |
| School Nurses | Identification of any physical health problems that may impact learning and/or school attendance. Determine eligibility for assistance with certain health care needs | School administrator, school nurse, or Health Services at 443-809-6368 |
| School Social Workers | Social emotional counseling sessions, coordination with community mental health providers; support challenges in living situations | School administrator or BCPS Department of School Social Work at 443-809-0305 |

RESOURCE LIST FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

| SUPPORT NEEDED | 24-HOUR SERVICES | HOTLINES |
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| Youth Crises (any) | Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline | 1-800-422-0009 |
| Mental Health | Crisis Response System Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center | 410-931-2214 1-410-531-6677 |
| Social Services/Family Services Child Abuse/Financial Assistance | Department of Social Services (DSS) | 410-853-3000 |
| Parenting Skills/Abuse Prevention | Family Tree Parenting Help Line | 1-800-243-7337 |
| Any Health and Human Service Topic (information and referral only) | 211 Maryland (United Way) | 410-685-0525 |
| SERVICES | COMMUNITY RESOURCES/AGENCIES | PHONE |
| Counseling Services | Main Street Community Mental Health Center Kennedy Kreiger Institute Counseling Team Baltimore County Police Department Western Region (Precincts 1-4) Central Region (Precincts 6-8) Eastern Region (Precincts 9-12) BCPS Office of School Counseling Sheppard Pratt Hospital | 410-526-7882 443-923-9400 410-887-5823 410-887-1394 410-887-5823 410-887-0241 443-809-0291 410-938-3000 |
| Employment Training | ABC Apprenticeship Program Job Corps Maryland Job Service Eastpoint American Job Center Hunt Valley American Job Center Liberty Center American Job Center | 410-821-0351 410-625-8400 410-859-3499 410-288-9050 410-887-7940 410-887-8912 |
| Health Services | BCPS Office of Health Services Baltimore County Department of Health | 443-809-6368 410-887-2243 |
| Medical Assistance Application | Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) | 410-887-2957 |
| Mental Health/Substance Abuse (for Medical Assistance, private insurance, or sliding scale fees) | Youth Services Bureaus Dundalk Youth Services Center First Step Owings Mills and Cockeysville Lighthouse YOUTH and Family- Catonsville | 410-288-4356 410-581-7800 410-788-5483 |
| Mental Health Services for Medical Assistance | Maryland Public Behavioral Health System | 1-800-888-1965 |
| Mental Health for Uninsured or Underinsured | Baltimore Medical Systems Loyola University Clinical Center In Spirit Counseling Services Referral | 410-558-4700 410-617-1200 410-433-2241 |
| Parent Support Service | Homeless Children and Youth in Baltimore County | 443-809-6485 |

FOOD PANTRIES IN BCPS 2018-2019

| School Name | Contact Person/School Number/Email | How often is the pantry? |
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| Arbutus MS | Nicole Lee-Khalif | As needed |
| Battle Monument | Brandi Corriggio 410-887-7000/bcorriggio@bcps.org | As needed |
| Campfield Early Learning Center | Julia Hamilton 410-887-1227/jhamilton@bcps.org | Twice per month/As needed |
| Catonsville Center for Alternative Studies | Renee Hollis 443-809-0934,0935/rhollis@bcps.org | Monthly |
| Cheseake High School | Mary Roberts 443-809-0315/mroberts10@bcps.org Christv Moore 443-809-0107/cmooore4@bcps.org | As needed |
| Cockeysville Middle School | Anna M. Williams awilliams13@bcps.org/410-887-7626 | Twice per month/As needed |
| Deep Creek Middle | Joyce Harsh 410-887-0112/jharsh@bcps.org | Monthly |
| Dundalk High School | John Flannery 443-809-7023/jflannery@bcps.org | As needed |
| Dundalk Middle | Lauren Gabriel 410-887-7018/lgabriel@bcps.org | As needed |
| Halstead Academy | Tambra Chisolm 410-887-4608/tchisolm@bcps.org | As needed |
| Hawthorne ES | Nicole Kafka 410-887-0138/nkafka2@bcps.org | Every other Wednesday- next on 1/23 from 1-3:30 |
| Lansdowne HS | Jill Savage 443-809-1415/jsavage@bcps.org | Twice weekly: Mondays 9-11am Thursdays 2:30-5pm |
| Loch Raven HS | Caryn Putschat 443-809-3525/cputchat@bcps.org | scheduled on an individual basis |
| Loch Raven Technical Academy | Genna Kranitz 410-887-3518/gkranitz@bcps.org | Once per month/As needed |
| Owing Mills HS | Elizabeth Pedrosa-Boyce 443-809-1700/epedrosaboyce@bcps.org | As needed |
| Parkville MS | Rob Runk 410-887-5250/rrunk@bcps.org | Tuesday evenings- 5:30-7:30/As needed |

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| Patapsco HS | Ms. Norrington 443-809-7058/lnorrington@bcps.org | 2nd Wednesday of every month for fresh items/As needed |
| Pine Grove MS | Christina Pumphrey 410-887-5270 PTSAPGMS@YAHOO.COM | As needed |
| Riverview ES | Lynnette Flagg 410 887 1428/lflagg@bcps.org | Once Weekly on Mondays 9am-11am |
| Sandy Plains ES | Tina Jimenez 4108877070/tjimenez@bcps.org | As needed/scheduled |
| Scotts Branch ES | Julia Hamilton 410-887-1227 jhaymanhamilton@bcps.org | Monthly/As needed |
| Victory Villa ES | Stacey Malone 443-809-0184/victoryvillapta@yahoo.com | Monthly |