

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
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.	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 Cigna EAP (External EAP) 1-888-431-4334 www.cignabehavioral.com Logon ID: baltimore (available 24/7/365 days a year)
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	School administrator or BCPS Department of School Counseling at 443-809-0291 Note: Certain requirements may need to be met for fee waivers. Contact school counselor
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
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?
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

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