

### **Impact of Covid-19 on our students and their families:**

Covid-19 continues to have a dramatic and direct impact on the children and families we serve. All seven of BKS' education centers remain closed and will do so until further notice from the NYC Department of Education. Our students have had family members laid off, or unable to work due to lack of childcare, and some of our students have lost grandparents and close relatives to Covid-19. A growing number of our students and their families experience food insecurity. BKS staff continue to work diligently to support the real needs of our students and their parents. We are working to support the continued learning of our students, the health and wellness of their families, as well as helping to address the challenges Covid-19 is causing our staff and organization.

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BKS initiatives to support our students and their families during this pandemic:

- ***Home-School Connection helps students continue to learn:***  
Brooklyn Kindergarten Society encourages the continued family/child engagement with inquiry and play-based learning while at home. Utilizing Google Hangouts and Zoom, teachers virtually meet with their classes to connect with their students weekly. Activities during these calls can range from reading a book to show and tell. Additionally, families are emailed suggested activities and online resources to engage with at home. These activities are connected to the child's age group and current unit of study. This initiative will provide our students with the following essential learning tools: markers, Crayons, glue sticks, pencils, pencil sharpeners, writing paper, construction paper, children's scissors, white boards, and dry erase markers. In order to provide supplies for all 325 students, we will need to raise \$11,375.
  - [\\$35 supports one student continue to learn.](#)
- ***Nutritional Support for our Students:***  
As part of our commitment to supporting the health & welfare of our students, BKS is launching a nutritional support program for the students of families directly impacted by Covid-19. We expect to supply 3 meals a week to 100 students that have food insecurity. The meals cost \$10 per student per day, and the Department of Education covers just \$4.25 meal. BKS will need to raise another \$5.75 per meal, or \$6,900 per month to support the meals for these students.
  - [\\$158 supplies 30 meals for our students.](#)
- ***Healthy Family Initiative:***  
For our 50 highest need families, getting basic hygiene and cleaning products is difficult in normal times. For these families we will provide the following: two additional meals for the adults, three times a week; one box of diapers monthly; and, basic cleaning supplies (wipes, paper towels, disinfectant spray) monthly. This initiative equates to \$14,500 per month.
  - [\\$290 provides cleaning supplies and food for a family for a month.](#)

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