March 31, 2021

Dear BCS Family,

Please be advised that the plans discussed in this letter cannot occur unless:

- New York State changes their guidance to conform to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) guidance
- Public health conditions need to continue to improve

Based on the recent updated guidance from the CDC, Brookfield is making plans to bring most of our students back to school five days per week should NYSDOH adopt similar guidance.

Nearly all aspects of the school day will be required to change substantially. For example, during the spring recess from April 2 to April 9 the following will occur:

- Numerous classrooms will be rearranged and many will be relocated to accommodate additional students. We anticipate this will take BCS staff most of the spring recess to complete this.
- The transportation department will be redesigning our bus routes to accommodate many more students daily. We anticipate that some drivers may need to run portions of their routes twice in order to accommodate all students. This will result in as much as a 30 minute gap between students arrival at school. Please be patient as we implement this change.
- Please do not enter the bus circle between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM. If transporting students to school, please consider exiting students from the passenger side of the vehicle on the sidewalk in front of the school. At dismissal we will continue to dismiss students to personal vehicles as we have been.
- The food service department will need to prepare to serve twice as many breakfast and lunches every day. In addition, staggered meal times will need to be established to account for the difference in student arrival times. Also some common spaces will be converted to dining areas.
- Faculty and staff will be modifying their classroom procedures to take into account the staggered arrival and departure time of students.

Full In-Person Learning

- The district will offer in-person learning five a days a week or full remote learning only. The hybrid learning model (blue/orange days) will no longer be offered.
- All students currently on the hybrid model will be placed on the full in-person schedule.
- Students currently on our hybrid waiting list will be placed on the full in-person schedule as space permits.
- Full remote students who wish to convert to the full in-person schedule should contact the district office at 315-899-3323 ext. 202 to be placed on a waiting list. They will be admitted as space permits.
Social Distancing

- Everyone will continue to be required to wear masks as we are currently doing. However, the social distancing requirement for students in the classroom established by the CDC has been reduced from six feet to three feet.

Transportation

If you have been transporting your students this year we appreciate you continuing to do so. If additional families are able to transport their students that would greatly assist us in designing shorter bus routes. Please contact the district office at 315-899-3323 ext. 202 if you decide to do this.

Meals

Meal pickup will continue as it currently is for full remote students.

Athletics

BCS soccer teams are currently playing a consolidated schedule. Games are NOT open to the public.

Travel Advisory

The New York State Department of Health continues to recommend individuals who travel to different states to quarantine for 10 days upon their return to New York State. Accordingly, students who travel out of state will be placed on remote learning until the end of this quarantine period. To assist with this please provide a copy of the completed NYS Travel Advisory form to the School Nurse. Specific guidance and the Travel Advisory form may be accessed at: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory

In conclusion, the district remains on our current hybrid schedule (blue/orange days) until the NYSDOH changes their guidance. If they do, we will notify families and implement the above plans very rapidly.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

Jim Plows
Superintendent