April 10, 2021

Dear BCS Family;

I hope all students and their families had an enjoyable spring recess and are ready to resume their studies.

Throughout this pandemic BCS has strived to follow the guidance of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, health departments, and medical professionals. We have continually analyzed information from public officials in an attempt to “weed out” information that potentially had political motivations. We like to think that our diligence combined with your diligence has contributed to keeping BCS students and families safe during this public health crisis.

To date we have not had a single instance of the SARS-Cov-2 virus transmitted between students in the building. Hopefully, by following the advice of health professionals this can continue.

Health professionals are strongly encouraging everyone to continue to follow best practices as the COVID-19 crisis potentially enters another phase. Accordingly, I would like to share the following with you.

**Travel Related Restrictions**

As stated in my letter of March 31, 2021 the New York State Department of Health continues to recommend unvaccinated persons who travel out of state should quarantine for 10 days upon their return to New York State. Therefore, BCS students who have traveled out of state should remain on remote learning for 10 days after returning to New York State.

**Student Health Questionnaire**

The completion of the health questionnaire is one layer of protection in our response to the pandemic. Please continue to complete the questionnaire every day prior to school.

**Hybrid Learning**

The district continues to follow our hybrid learning plan. Please be reminded that Monday, April 12 is a BLUE DAY.

**Increased In-Person Learning**

The New York State Department of Health guidance for school districts was updated last night. The guidance requires districts to hold a public hearing prior to increasing their in-person learning capacity. Therefore, BCS will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:15 PM. The link to participate in this meeting will be posted on our home page. Our goal is to safely bring all students back to school five days per week beginning the week of April 19.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all.

Sincerely,

Jim Plows
Superintendent