

Brookfield Central School
Achieving Academic Excellence

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Dear Brookfield School Family:

Update

In the first four days since returning to in-person instruction on Monday, September 27, BCS has experienced a surge in Covid-19 exposures.

Brookfield's Covid-19 Health and Safety Plan follows the Madison County Department of Health Isolation and Quarantine Guidance when making isolation and quarantining determinations for our students and staff. These guidelines are less restrictive than previous guidelines, which under similar conditions, now result in fewer staff and students being isolated or quarantined. However, even under these less restrictive guidelines, there are currently thirty staff and students isolated or quarantined. To put this in perspective, at this time last year the district did not have any students or staff quarantined. In addition, this is significantly more than at any time last year. Also, today three grade levels were moved to remote learning because a high percentage of the students in these grades are quarantined making in-person instruction less effective than remote instruction.

Athletics

Because of quarantining our soccer teams do not currently have enough players to field a team. Therefore, soccer season has been paused until October 12th.

Planning

In recent discussions with public health officials they have expressed their concern that the spread of the virus may follow the same trend as last year. If it does, they anticipate a significant increase in the number of people with the virus beginning in October and continuing through January, 2022. This could be catastrophic to the district's goal of maintaining in-person instruction.

Although our goal is to provide in-person instruction as long as public health conditions allow, the district continues to review contingency plans in the event conditions necessitate a change. Should this occur we are reviewing the following options:

- Full remote instruction
- Hybrid instruction

The full remote instruction model does not include any in-person instruction and is an option we want to avoid unless public health conditions make it absolutely necessary.

The hybrid instruction model was the model the district used for the majority of the 2020-2021 school year. Under the hybrid instruction model students attend school on alternating days receiving in-person instruction. Like last year, instruction days have been designated into blue days or orange days. To assist families with their **Contingency planning** we will be emailing families copies of the school calendar identifying the blue days and the orange days and notifying students which calendar would apply to them should it become necessary.

Vaccination Clinics

The district is investigating opportunities to host a vaccination clinic. Currently, any one 12 years of age or older is eligible to be vaccinated. In order to determine the level of interest in a vaccination clinic, families will be asked to respond to a survey in the near future.

In conclusion, thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to plan and react to ever changing public health conditions.

Sincerely,



Jim Plows
Superintendent