

Four Day In-Person Learning at Beacon High School

Zoom Town Hall Meeting -
April 7, 2021



Why Now?

- *The number of faculty and staff vaccinated is increasing each week

- *Levels of positive COVID-19 cases are decreasing in the community

- *We have not seen spread of the virus in our in-person schooling the entire year

- *We have seen an increase of mental health concerns among our students

- * Students will benefit from more in-person learning

- *Families are struggling under the current model



Expanded In-person Learning Explained

- *Our hybrid program ends April 16th
- *Any student currently enrolled in the hybrid program will be automatically enrolled into our 4-day a week in-person program
- *In-person students will attend school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays



Wednesdays Check & Connect days

We will keep the check & connect days using the current period schedule until further notice.



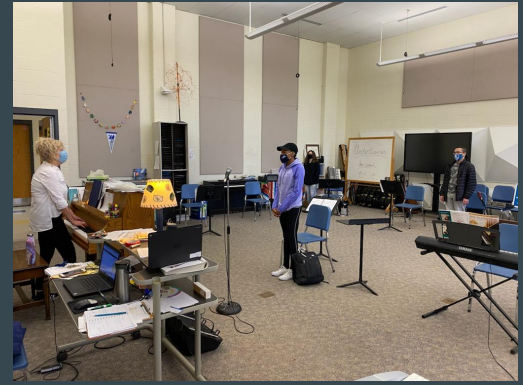
Class Sizes & Physical Distancing

*Students should be at least 3 feet apart. We will evaluate room sizes and physical spaces

*Relocation of larger classes into bigger spaces

*Maintain social distance of at least 6 feet between performers (singers and musicians) and encourage more distance if possible. Band students are using special masks for their instruments!

*Continue to maintain social distance of at least 12 feet between students in physical education classes.



What is happening with all-remote students?

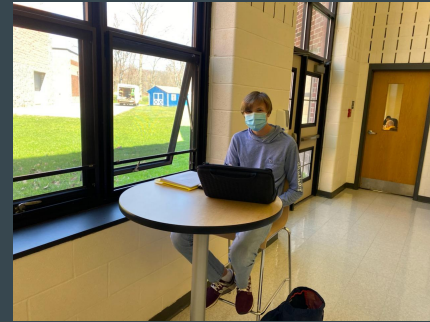
*There will be no changes to the remote program we are offering.

*A remote student's schedule will not be affected by these changes.



Ongoing Safety Measures

- *Universal masking
- *Restructured the building to avoid hallway congestion
- *Cafeteria seating, outdoor dining option
- *Staggered arrival and dismissal by wing
- *No lockers
- *No changing or locker rooms being used in Phys. Ed.
- *Temperature checks
- *District screening form



Air Quality and Ventilation

*MERV-13 filters were installed in our unit ventilators in September and replaced on schedule

*We are adding portable HEPA filters to each classroom as needed

*With better weather, we will encourage open windows and teachers taking classes outside



Use of Plastic Barriers and Desks with Social Distancing

*We will utilize plastic desk barriers in classrooms where we cannot achieve 3 feet distancing

*New York State Department of Health School guidelines from March, 2021

“Specifically, appropriate social distancing means three feet of space in all directions between individuals or use of appropriate physical barriers between individuals.”

*We will consistently assess every classroom



BCSD Voluntary Surveillance Testing

- *The district has the capacity to continue the COVID-19 rapid testing program with the nursing staff
- *They will test on Wednesdays about 30-50 individuals at a time
- *The district will report the results to the community when 10% of the population has been tested



Families that want to make a change

- (remote → in-person) or (in-person → remote)
- Must fill out the survey or contact your child's guidance counselor by April 15th

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No changes - families do not need to contact us or fill anything out

*Hybrid Students - will attend in person school 4 days a week

*Remote Students - schedule remains the same



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