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Beacon City School District Elementary Reopening Parent/Caregiver Key Points for 20-21 Planning

Dear Elementary Parents and Caregivers,

August 4, 2020

We, the BCSD Elementary Team of Building Principals, are writing to provide an outline of important points that will help you plan and prepare for 20-21 reopening. We understand that in order to support our elementary students we must ensure that we take into account the effect that COVID-19 has had on all of our students and plan ahead with the BCSD guiding principles for reopening in mind.

Our Superintendent, Dr. Landahl shared the Reopening Plan on Friday, July 31st, 2020 following his Community Town Hall Zoom Meeting. The plan can be accessed by clicking on this link ([BCSD 20-21 Reopening Plan](#)) and by visiting the [BCSD website](#). This site will be updated as planning progresses and changes/updates are made to the plan as needed.

Below you will find key points for parents/caregivers which will help guide you in planning and preparing for the Fall. These points are addressed in more detail throughout the Reopening Plan document and were also addressed during Dr. Landahl's Town Hall Zoom. A recording of his zoom will be made available soon and posted to the website listed above.

- Pending further guidance/directives from Governor Cuomo, the BCSD plans to reopen school using a Hybrid Model. Students are split into two groups. *(More information will be provided for Pre-K students as well as students with disabilities - See reopening plan page 36 if viewing in print, or page 40 if viewing online)*
 - Group 1 (Last name A-L, attends school Mon., Tues.)
 - Group 2 (Last name M-Z, attends school Thurs., Fri.)
 - Daily health screenings are required *(See reopening plan page 6 if viewing in print, or page 10 if viewing online)*
- Parents/Caregivers can elect for full remote learning given health concerns (self/family member/or child) or if you are uncomfortable with returning. Letters and emails are going out to families this week with information for providing the preference for your child's

return. Your preference should be communicated with the district by mid-August (specific date indicated in the letter).

- Students and staff will be required to wear masks in school when social distancing of at least 6ft is not possible, while on transportation, and when/where this is a high risk of transmission of bodily fluids. *(See reopening plan page 5 if viewing in print, or page 9 if viewing online)*
 - Masks breaks will be provided to students throughout the day in a safe manner
 - Students will use their own/individualized supplies and materials
- Mental health and wellness of our students and staff are important, there will be social-emotional health check-ins for students and families and staff will continue to be supported through Employee Assistance programs in place. Resources will also be shared specific to this area. *(More information will be provided from the BCSD Office of Pupil Personnel Services - See reopening plan page 27 if viewing in print, or page 31 if viewing online)*

As Dr. Landahl mentioned in his correspondence on July 31st, the plan is fluid and subject to change given the needs of our community as well as local, regional, and state health and safety updates. Thank you for your patience, support, and understanding during this unprecedented time - our partnership is key in making the 20-21 school year a safe and engaging school year for all students.

An elementary-wide town hall style Zoom is scheduled for **Tues. August 11th at 11am**. The Zoom information will be shared the day prior on multiple platforms for all elementary parents/caregivers to access and join.

Sincerely,

Beacon City School District Elementary Principals

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