

July 24, 2020

Dear Brooklyn Parents, Families and Community Members:

Over the past month, our leadership team and Board of Education - in partnership with our classified and certified staff - have been working to develop and implement a comprehensive restart and reopening plan for our safe and efficient return this fall. As we did with our successful transition to remote teaching and learning this spring, we have been thoughtful and deliberate in our planning and preparation and are now ready to reopen our PK-12 campus in a way that ensures the health and safety of our school community to the greatest extent possible.

One principle of our planning work was a commitment to include input from a wide range of stakeholders, including administrators, staff, faculty, parents and community members. Using guidance from Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Education, and **assessing the current health conditions in Cuyahoga County**, we are able to effectively plan for the reopening of school this fall giving families two (2) distinct academic options for the 2020-2021 school year. This plan will be in effect for the first semester of the school year, and we will look to assess our plan prior to the start of the second semester.

Brooklyn City School Daily Learning Models

<u>Cuyahoga County Public Advisory Designation</u>	<u>BCS Status</u>
Level 1	Traditional - All students should attend daily unless enrolled in the Remote Learning Option.
Level 2	Traditional - All students should attend daily unless enrolled in the Remote Learning Option.
Level 3	Hybrid Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (8 am - 1:30 pm) (dismissal in phases at 1:15 pm) Wednesday - Remote Learning Only
Level 4	Remote Learning 2.0
Remote Learning 2.0	An All-Online learning option available for parents that choose, for a variety of reasons, not to send students to school. Parents will need to commit to this option for a semester. Students will be taught by BCS certified teachers.

[A detailed summary of the above corresponding learning models is available for viewing on our website.](#)

Learning Model #1: PK-12 Students In-Person and On-Site Daily with Safety Protocols (includes Hybrid Option)

- This option will be as close to a traditional school day as possible.

- The district will implement safety protocols to the highest degree possible including temperature checks, physical distancing, enhanced cleaning and sanitizing.
- Students in grades K-12 will be required to wear a mask or face shield while in school.
- We also know that some of our students experience underlying factors that will prevent them from wearing a mask. We will address these situations on a case-by-case basis.
- Our source for health and safety guidance is the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

If students are riding school transportation, they will be required to wear a mask/face shield at all times.

Learning Model #2: Remote Learning 2.0: PK-12 Students At-Home Daily, Individual Remote Learning - Includes the option should the school district be forced to fully close due to Health Considerations

- All Online learning option for parents that choose, for a variety of reasons, not to send students to school. Parents will need to commit to this option for a semester. Students will be taught by BCS certified teachers.
- Students participating in this option will be experiencing the same curriculum as students attending school in-person.
- Students participating in this option will be enrolled in the Hurricane Virtual Learning Program, an online curriculum and learning platform facilitated by Brooklyn City Schools certified teaching faculty and staff.
- Brooklyn City Schools teachers will facilitate and support student learning, creating an online classroom community and communicating regularly with students and families.
- Students may continue to participate in after-school activities at their school building, including extra/co-curricular activities (Levels 1-3 only).
- Students will earn grades for their work.

It is essential that students and families understand the commitment that comes with each schooling option. For staffing and planning purposes, each student will be required to commit to an option for a minimum of one semester.

We will send out a remote learning enrollment form early next week to learn which of our students will be enrolling in online learning so that we can provide that curriculum to those students. We will have more details on this option as the final plan is completed. We would ask that families make their school choice option no later than Friday, August 7, 2020.

It is important that we work together to better serve our students and community. Over the next few weeks, our district will be assessing the current health situation in the State and County. **It is essential to understand our back-to-school plan is fluid and could change despite our best intentions to return to**

school in August. As more information becomes available, I will continue to update you on our planned reopening this fall.

Respectfully,

Dr. Theodore Caleris
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Brooklyn City Schools