

Dear Brooklyn Hurricane Families:

I am emailing you today to update our families and students on the status of the school district's return to school for the 20-21 school year. Since mid-August, the health data in Cuyahoga County has trended in a positive direction, specifically, the County Health Designation is currently at Level 2 (Orange) and the COVID-19 Positivity Rates are below 5%. As recommended by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH), these two specific indicators are key in determining our return to in-person learning for students.

I am happy to inform you that our PK-12 students will resume in-person learning on Monday, September 28, 2020, in our Hybrid Learning Format.

**Hybrid Learning Format**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**8:00 am - 1:30 pm, daily in-person learning for PK-12 students  
(dismissal begins at 1:15 pm in phases)**

**Wednesdays: K-12 Students Remote Learning at Home**

**Preschool**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - AM/PM Schedule**

**Wednesdays: No School for Preschool students**

KATS AfterSchool Care - KATS, our before school/after school program for K-5 students, will also resume on September 28. In the Hybrid Learning Format, KATS programming will only be provided during daily in-person learning and will be unavailable on Wednesdays when students are engaged in remote learning at home. Hours of the program - Mornings from 7:00 am until school begins and Afternoons - 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Please contact Mr. Chris Ross, KATS Coordinator, at 216-485-8168 or [chris.ross@bcshurricanes.org](mailto:chris.ross@bcshurricanes.org) for more information.

Hurricane Cafe' - Hurricane Cafe' is our after school program that is co-sponsored by the YMCA. Hurricane Cafe' will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm beginning on September 28. Students in grades 3 through 7 are eligible to participate in this afterschool program which includes various activities and time devoted specifically to complete school work. There are a maximum of 60 slots available for this program. Please sign-up for Hurricane Cafe' using this [link](#) (if you have more than one student then you will need to fill out a form for each child). Specific questions can be directed to Ms. Lara Smith, Assistant Principal, at 216-485-8178.

Resuming Athletics & Extracurricular Activities - For our students participating in athletics and extracurricular activities, I feel confident that our safety protocols will allow for a safe return to these activities. Starting Monday, September 21, 2020, all athletics, and extracurricular activities can resume after school practices. Staff and students will continue with safety and sanitizing procedures during all practices and contests.

Facility Cleaning and Preparation - Protecting the health and safety of our students, staff and community is the top priority of the Brooklyn City Schools. In preparation for the return of students on September 28, the district has been working diligently to modify building cleaning schedules to increase the frequency of cleanings in classrooms and high-traffic areas such as stairwells and hallways. Additional health and safety measures include the installation of hand sanitizing stations and posting

of signage to encourage physical distancing throughout the entire campus. All classrooms have been stocked with additional cleaning supplies.

Remote Learning Students - For parents that have committed their student to remote learning for the semester, you need to do nothing at this time. Your student will continue to receive their instruction in the remote model throughout the first semester. Students will continue to follow the remote learning schedule. Please contact your child's building principal if you have any specific questions.

It is important that we take a cautious approach to our return to school. As we have seen quite often this summer, health conditions can change very quickly and unexpectedly. I am optimistic that we can sustain this model, however, it will be essential that the district and families work together to ensure our students remain healthy throughout the school year. I encourage all families to continue to follow the safety guidelines outside of school. For consistency and planning purposes, the Brooklyn City School District will remain in the Hybrid Format through the end of the first grading period - October 30, 2020. If the county health data continues to trend in a positive direction, I would recommend starting the second grading period in a traditional, 5-days/week, in-person learning format. I hope to update our families once again in October as more health information becomes available.

**It is essential that families have a contingency plan in case the school district or building should have to suddenly close due to changing health conditions in the county or should there be a sudden outbreak of COVID-19 within a classroom or building. In any health-related situation, we will continue to follow the recommendations from the CCBH. As always, we will continue to make our learning mode decisions in 4-week increments to allow for flexibility during these uncertain times.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. I am confident that we will continue to work together as a Hurricane Family!

Best regards,

Dr. Theodore Caleris  
Superintendent/CEO  
Brooklyn City Schools