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Dear BCCU2 families:

I have several pieces of important information to share with you related to schedules for the upcoming weeks. Over the past several weeks, we have tried to make decisions based on data from local and regional health data and educational data while weighing our district's ability logistical capabilities. We continue to balance the academic and social and emotional needs of our students while adhering to guidance from our local health department and the IDPH.

K-2 returns to "in-person" Mondays through Thursdays

We will begin transitioning our K-2 students from a hybrid schedule to four (4) days a week instruction beginning Tuesday October 13th, 2020. Fridays will still be "remote" learning days for all students but K-2 students will be attending "in-person" on Mondays through Thursdays (barring holidays or non-attendance days). **The current daily schedule with start and release times will not change.** With our county positivity rate trending down, we feel we can address any issues that come up on a case by case or class by class basis. Our students' health and safety still remain our top priority as we take steps to better meet the educational needs of early elementary learners. Like all things during these unprecedented times, this information could change, if so, we will alert families as soon as possible. We will closely monitor this change in our learning model and use this information to develop plans for increased in-person learning for other grade levels. There is no change to our KRP program, at this time. Please see the updated October calendar below:

October 2020				
			Thursday 1	Friday 2
			"B Day"	Remote
Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9
"A" Day	"B" Day	"A" Day	"B" Day	No School
Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
No School	K-2 attend 3-12 "B" Day	K-2 attend 3-8 "A" Day HS Remote/SAT	K-2 attend 3-12 "B" Day	K-2 attend 3-12 "A" Day
Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23
K-2 attend 3-12 "A" Day	K-2 attend 3-12 "B" Day	K-2 attend 3-12 "A" Day	K-2 attend 3-12 "B" Day	Remote
Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30
K-2 attend 3-12 "A" Day	K-2 attend 3-12 "B" Day	K-2 attend 3-12 "A" Day	K-2 attend 3-12 "B" Day	Remote

K-8 students switching from online to in-person

When families and students started the year in the online learning format, they committed to do so for at least the first quarter (K-8) and entire semester (9-12). This was necessary to balance class sizes and plan staffing for the year. As we reach the end of the first quarter and prepare to transition our K-2 grade students to 4-days a week instruction, we want to provide some guidance for families who may want to change to in-person hybrid learning from the online learning format. For **K-2 grade families/students wanting to transition to in-person**, we ask that they notify their child's school by Monday, October 5th so they can begin instruction on Tuesday, October 13th. For **3-8 grade families/students wanting to transition in-person**, we ask you to notify your child's school by Friday, October 23rd, to begin in-person learning on Monday, November 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

HS SAT and schedule changes

On Wednesday, October 14th ALL BCCU2 HS Seniors will take the SAT during the school day. This is a requirement for graduation and is usually offered in the spring of a student's junior year (11th grade). It was canceled in March due to COVID-19. All HS seniors (including online only students) must be in attendance on October 14th to take the exam. If they are ill, there will be an in-person makeup test on October 27th. Students in grade 9-11 will have a remote learning day on October 14th and will not report to school. This is necessary to adhere to distancing and space guidelines as we will be using all classrooms and teachers to proctor the exam.

Sincerely,



Wes Olson, Superintendent of Schools