

BHSD parents/guardians-

I know this has been a stressful week for many of you, and I apologize for the anxiety that we may have added to your life with our return to school plans. I will own the fact that I underestimated how many people are fully happy with our remote learning and that we need to make sure we support those students in a manner that is at par with what we are doing now. That alone tells me that our teachers have done a great job in developing remote learning environments.

With that being said, we have kids who just really need to be in school, which is why we are developing these plans for the consistent four days per week student attendance. We will not all agree on a model for return, but just know that there are many, many factors that I have to consider as we make these plans.

Many of you have reached out to me, or my administrators, directly to discuss your concerns. I thank you for handling your concerns in that manner, as you are modeling good problem solving for your children. We are listening to you and have made some adjustments.

It was evident right away that the biggest issue we needed to resolve was providing adequate support for our students who remain in remote learning. I believe we have solved that problem. In summary, remote learning students in K-4 will have a schedule that is nearly identical to their current schedule and they will remain with their same teacher. At BHMS, remote learning students will follow the same schedule as their peers who are in-person and will be included in classroom instruction and activities. You can click [HERE](#) to view a letter that gives more detail for how this will work for K-4 families.

VERY IMPORTANT: Because of some of the adjustments that we have had to make, we are going to push the transition back to school back by one week (for the first two phases). Please see the new schedule below:

October 9, 2020 Remote Learning Planning Day for all staff

No School for Students

October 19, 2020 Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 5th grade will begin blended-hybrid schedule

November 2, 2020 1st grade, 3rd grade, 6th grade will begin blended-hybrid schedule

November 9, 2020 PreK, 4th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade will begin blended hybrid schedule

Please know that anxiety levels are high on our campus right now, as our teachers and staff want to support all you to the best of their abilities. We are again entering into an unknown arena and are going to do our best to provide a great experience for all of you. I ask that you continue to show our teachers some grace as they navigate this.

You can click [HERE](#) to view the updated “Back to School Planning” slides, and specifically view slides 18, 19, and 38 where you will see updated information.

Based on this information, if you have changed your mind regarding in-person or remote learning, please just complete this [FORM](#) again by Monday, October 5th at 8:00 a.m. and we will take your last submission. If you are still okay with your last submission, then you do not need to do anything else.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Have a great weekend!

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