



August 14, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing today with a number of important updates and some additional clarification and information.

### **Opening of School and Calendar Adjustment**

The Board of Education will be accepting my recommendation to amend the opening week school calendar. Please note these changes:

**Tuesday, September 8** - Superintendent's Conference Day (PD for staff only) - This is a swap with a Superintendent's Conference Day scheduled for Monday, April 5 which will now become a regular school day for all students.

**Wednesday, September 9** - Orientation and Welcoming Programs for all Kindergarten Families, 6th Graders to FLMS, 9th Graders to FLHS and all other new students to the BCSD. Principals will be sending invitations and schedules for this day to all K, 6, 9 and new families.

**Thursday, September 10** - First Day of School for All. Those attending in-person (K-2 and Special Programs) will be in-person. Hybrid Group 1 will be in-person. Hybrid Group 2 will be remote. Those selecting all-remote will be remote. Additional information to come from principals and program leaders.

**Friday, September 11** - Second Day of School for All. Those attending in-person (K-2 and Special Programs) will be in-person. Hybrid Group 2 will be in-person. Hybrid Group 1 will be remote. Those selecting all-remote will be remote. Additional Information to come from principals and program leaders.

### **Parent Choice - In-Person (Hybrid) or Remote - Clarification and Direction**

Thank you for completing your preference forms regarding the instructional model for the opening of school. While we previously asked you to indicate your preference, we must now ask you to make a **commitment** regarding the model you wish to choose for your children for September. Please note that we are not asking you to bind yourself to a decision for the semester or the year. **Schools will be reaching out to you to you in the next couple of days to affirm your choice (decision) for the month of September.**

Each month, you will have an opportunity to communicate with your school should you decide to change models, i.e., from remote to hybrid or from hybrid to remote.

We must ask for a month commitment to ensure appropriate staffing and facility accommodations, given the small size of in-person cohorts, social distancing, necessary PPE, student/staff ratio, etc. We will do our best to work with families wishing to make changes, asking that you commit now for the month of September. Please be aware that, although we will do our best to accommodate a parent's change request in a timely manner if you wish to change models (i.e., from remote to hybrid or from hybrid to remote), it may not be possible for the district to instantly implement such changes. Parents should be

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prepared for a waiting period as we make arrangements to meet your new request. We will do our best to make these waiting periods as short as possible, and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of the fact that the district must adjust several factors in order to accommodate change requests.

### **Town Hall Meetings and Continuous Communications**

#### **Secondary Town Hall :**

Tuesday, August 18 - 12:00 Noon [Join via Zoom](#) [Submit questions in advance](#)

#### **Elementary Town Hall:**

Wednesday, August 19 - 12:00 Noon [Join via Zoom](#) [Submit questions in advance](#)

#### **Special Education Town Halls - Monday, August 24 and Tuesday, August 25**

[Submit questions in advance for Special Education Town Halls](#)

- **Elementary:** Monday, August 24 - 8:30 AM [Join via Zoom](#)
- **Middle School:** Tuesday August 25 - 12:00 Noon [Join via Zoom](#)
- **High School:** Tuesday, August 25 - 8:30 AM [Join via Zoom](#)

**DLBE Town Hall - Tuesday, August 25 - Details and Invitation to Follow**

**Hillside Town Hall - Date, Details and Information to Follow**

Never before in the history of public education have parents and educators had to make the decisions and consider the choices before all of us at this time. Continue to utilize our website at the [2020 Re-Entry Info](#) tab where you will find our learning plans and all other important information. This information will continue to be updated. Please note the following that we are adding to this tab today regarding protocols for [Testing and Contact Tracing](#).

For those unable to participate in the Town Halls on Tuesday, August 11 and Wednesday, August 12, you are able to view these here:

[K-12 Town Hall Meeting - August 11, 2020](#)

[K-12 Town Hall Meeting - August 12, 2020](#)

We are preparing a FAQ which will capture the questions posed prior to and at the two Town Halls. As soon as this is ready, it will be posted on our website.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Joel Adelberg