



Dear BCSD Community,

With spring around the corner, we are all hoping for warmer weather and much brighter days ahead. “Spring” takes on new meaning in 2021, with the hope that a change of season will also usher in continued good news in our battle against Covid. Vaccinations and better news on hospitalizations and lower infection rates are the signs of hope for which we have all been waiting. Of course, this virus isn’t gone and we all know the importance of remaining vigilant in safety measures to mitigate spread, especially masks and social distancing.

As you know, with hopeful signs of success in battling this horrible pandemic, there is also increased urgency in addressing the loss of learning and connection in public schools, despite the herculean efforts of all of us. We know that the already present gaps in learning and opportunities have only intensified during this time. The need to address the deep digital divide is now a recognized national priority. In addition, the feeling of isolation and separation among so many of our students, families and staff is an escalating critical concern.

Last evening, at the Board of Education meeting, our leadership team presented to the public our plan to **bring back all students, K-12, 5 days a week, beginning Monday, April 12, 2021**. You will find many important details in this presentation: [BCSD Full-Time Re-Entry Plan](#).

Previously, we asked parents of grades 3-12 to reply to a survey to indicate your readiness and interest in resuming 5 day a week instruction for your children. There was overwhelming support for a resumption of school 5 days a week. Tomorrow, Friday, March 12, you will receive another survey. This one will require a commitment to either full-time, 5 day a week instruction or remote learning for the remainder of the year. Details will accompany this survey form. We will need to receive one back for each of our students, K-12, by **March 19**.

We know that the decision will be made by each family for their children based on their comfort, readiness and important personal and family considerations. We will support all students, K-12, whether completing this school year fully in-person or fully remote.

Anticipating questions prior to making a selection, each school principal will be announcing a Parent Coffee Q&A Session for next week. Please look for this information from your own school.

I am pleased to share this exciting news, thankful to our staff who continue to work so hard to support every single BCSD student, and appreciative of a community that continues to stand together, BCSD Strong!

Sincerely,

Dr. Joel Adelberg
Superintendent of Schools