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Dear Staff and Parents,

I continue to monitor the numbers of COVID cases in Brooklyn as well as trends in CT. I am writing to you with an update regarding our instructional model.

After reviewing the COVID positive cases in Brooklyn and consulting with the medical advisor and NDDH, **The Brooklyn Public Schools will return to a full in-person model of instruction Monday-Friday 9:15-3:15 beginning on March 8, 2021! Students who have opted to participate in full distance learning still have that option. We will continue to maintain cohorts during the day. We will continue to offer the 8:30-9:15 drop off program for free and Parks and Recreation will offer the before and after school program again.**

While it is exciting to think that we will be on a more regular schedule, we still need to be aware that there is virus in our community and we must continue to follow mitigation strategies in school, on the buses and in the community to protect ourselves, each other and have the opportunity to remain on the new schedule. When the number of cases increased last time we were unable to remain open so I am asking that you continue to practice all the protocols we already know about. There continue to be more cases of the variant which is much more transmissible and will result in more people becoming sick. We are being advised to **follow our mitigation strategies 100% of the time!**

We will maximize physical distance but know that it is not 6'. It is critical that you continue to communicate with the school if your child is sick or tests positive for COVID-19. **Please call the School Nurses:** [BES nurse's email](#) or 860-774-4618. [BMS nurse's email](#) or 860-774-1498. Reach out to your doctor and [COVID testing is available for free](#).

The Brooklyn Public Schools will continue to distribute meals to anyone who needs them. Breakfast and lunch in school are free. Meal pick up will be Tuesday and Friday 8:00-8:30 at BMS loading dock and the Community Center on Tiffany Street.

We are also looking forward to the opportunity to begin spring sports in late March. There are more details to work out, but we intend to offer softball, baseball and track at BMS. It is very exciting to move to a more typical school week and to have spring coming soon and we can be outside! Please be well and feel free to reach out to school staff or myself should you need any assistance.

Sincerely,

Patricia Buell

Mission: The Brooklyn Schools will foster a drive for learning within each student to reach his/her greatest potential. To achieve this mission, the school will continually improve its educational programs and services to meet this community's expectations for a quality education for all.