

# The Brooklyn Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Staff,

I hope that you are well. This message contains multiple announcements:

1. **Please see the Pest Management Letters posted on the website.**
2. **Hybrid Model:** We will remain in the hybrid model until the cases in Brooklyn drop to a range that is within the guidelines of Addendum 4. We will need to have everyone follow the mitigation strategies both in and outside of school.
3. **Substitute Teachers:** Please consider applying to serve as a substitute teacher or paraprofessional. This will help us to keep the schools open should we need to quarantine between now and the end of the school year. See the [website](#).
4. **Summer Academy:** The Brooklyn Public Schools has received grant funding to support students with learning loss since COVID-19. We know that this has been difficult for everyone and that there are some students who have had some gaps in their ability to fully access their education. We will be offering a 4 week summer academy to address academic instruction as well as social interaction! We are planning to create some fun opportunities for the students. Please watch for a flyer.
5. **Parks and Recreation:** Brooklyn will also receive additional funding that we plan to create a collaborative opportunity for students to attend summer camp this year and next. Our plan, if the funding comes through, would be to offer a 6 week program for free. We plan to use some of the grant funds to provide transportation for summer camp. We are looking forward to students playing and getting a chance to interact with others! We are looking forward to this, assuming we receive the grant funding!
6. **Parent survey:** We will be sending out information about summer programs and also look for your feedback. We know this has been a challenging year, but we have heard there are some positives that came out of the year too. We welcome your feedback and will reflect upon it as we plan the end of the year and ahead. Thank you for taking the time to complete the Google survey when it comes in April.
7. **Budget:** The Board of Education is working on the budget for next year. We are fortunate to have some grant funding to offset some of the additional costs associated with COVID and learning loss. The budget will be presented to the Board of Finance and eventually to the Town and we hope to receive your support when the time comes to vote on the budget.

We are almost to the end of the heaviest impact of COVID. We look forward to a more typical, but safe end of the year. DPH has recommended that we plan for end of the year activities that are similar to last year. This would include possibly a drive through graduation and safe activities.

As always, I appreciate the work of our students, families and staff members. You have all done a great job with the many changes this year and I appreciate your teamwork.

Sincerely, Patti 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.