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Dear BCIT Parents, Guardians and Students,

As the summer days wind down, we look forward to the return of students on September 6, 2022. In addition to preparing our buildings, the administrative team has been working diligently to ensure that we continue upon the path of innovation and responsiveness to the health and wellbeing of all students entrusted to us.

Governor Murphy signed an Executive Order, effective August 15, 2022, to end the weekly testing requirement for unvaccinated school, child care, and state workers. Though staff and students are not required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination, we encourage everyone to take necessary precautions by monitoring their own health and staying home when they feel ill. While the current guidelines for quarantining are still in place in Burlington County, information is subject to change and will be updated on an as-needed basis. The following sets forth the current protocols:

- Weekly testing is no longer required
- Quarantine guidelines:
 - Regardless of vaccination status, individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are required to quarantine for 5 days and wear a mask for days 6-10. If the individual tests negative after day 5, they may return to work on day 6. All staff and students will continue to be evaluated if it is determined that communicable disease symptoms warrant testing and quarantining must then occur.
- All employees are required to sign (in Genesis) a one-time acknowledgement form for communicable diseases
- Routine cleaning schedule and high touch areas will be monitored for additional cleaning throughout the day
- Hand sanitizer stations are placed throughout the buildings and in classrooms
- Disinfecting protocols will remain including the use of the disinfection fogging system

As we look to the start of the school year, parents/guardians will be required to sign a one-time form on behalf of their child **prior to September 6, 2022** that outlines protocols to follow pursuant to District Policy #8451 concerning the control of communicable diseases, which replaces COVID-related policies as COVID is not the only communicable disease that is present today, e.g. Monkeypox. A communication will be provided to you from your child's principal pertaining to student schedules, busing, and related opening of school information for the 2022-2023 academic year.

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, as part of a two day orientation, I will welcome all BCIT staff with an in-person presentation. I will make introductions of key central office team members

including Eder Joseph, the Shared Assistant Superintendent, who will have oversight of BCIT. Mr. Joseph will start at the beginning of October.

We are excited to acknowledge some key changes that include rebranding efforts and physical upgrades to our facilities. We are anticipating that all signage around the perimeter of the campuses will be changed by Spring 2023. The District has also engaged in a major renovation project of our HVAC system, which will be completed next summer. This will be a welcomed addition to our facilities.

We are committed to implementing ongoing health and safety measures, providing mental health supports to our students and families, and extending the learning and educational opportunities for our students to flourish. Parents/guardians and students can expect to see the following:

- \$16+ million in grant funding received under Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act to expand selected programs at WesTech and MedTech
- Three new career pathway programs
- We have received a number of applicants, which outpaced the number of openings for the third year in a row
- Expansion of our many industry partnerships to support our programs and students through donations and curriculum alignment
- Comprehensive social and emotional learning support to staff and students

We thank you for being valued partners in the development of your child. You are encouraged to contact your child's building administrator if you have any questions pertaining to the start of the school year and related schedules. I wish all of you a restful end of the summer and a safe and productive school year.

Sincerely,



Dr. Christopher J. Nagy
Superintendent