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Dear BCIT Families:

As a follow up to my recent communication to you regarding our reopening plan and the infographic of which both are found on the website and the return to school survey parents were asked to complete, I wanted to provide some updates as it pertains to the start of the school year on our hybrid ABC schedule and various steps we have taken to prepare for the in-person as well as remote learning environment. It is hard to believe all that has transpired since the March closure of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic which allowed us time between then and now to prepare plans and facilities for the new school year. Staff and administrators have been working diligently to ensure that when our students return to school, resources are in place to support teaching and learning.

Upon returning to school, we will provide a few masks to each student to start the year and will have additional ones for each student which we will hold in reserve when needed. As directed by the Governor, masks are required to be worn at all times be it for students and teachers. Upon entering the buildings upon your return or if a visitor, you will see ample signage outside of the buildings as well as in the hallways. As a required CDC protocol, parents will be expected to fill out in Genesis our daily COVID-19 screening questionnaire for your child prior to boarding a bus or entering a school building. Students or visitors will have their temperature taken prior to entering the building. We have installed thermal cameras at the entrances which take temperatures of those approaching the buildings and before entering. We also have stand alone non-touch thermometers.

We have ordered the appropriate and ample cleaning supplies and have updated sanitizers. Facilities will be sanitized throughout the day and evenings. Where appropriate we have installed splash guards and three-fold clear dividers for designated areas. We have had our HVAC systems evaluated, ordered upgraded filters and have ordered air purifiers for additional coverage in areas where appropriate or in case of an emergency. We have a maintenance plan of which was submitted to the NJDOE. These are additional steps that have been taken to meet NJDOE requirements if not go beyond.

Each building now has a Pandemic Response Team led by the principal which will monitor the implementation of the Restart and Recovery Plan to Reopen Schools for the District. Furthermore, new students are picking up their repurposed Chromebooks this week pending the arrival of the new ones expected sometime in November. Last, though a difficult decision but in the interest of student and staff safety and logistics, the Board approved the cancellation of the Fall athletic season under COVID-19. It is our hope to reconvene athletics for the Winter season.

Our focus has included the preparation of class assignments and schedules, the upgrade of Google to an Enterprise level which provides more robust remote learning options, additional purchases of Chromebooks for our 1:1 Chromebook environment, purchasing of supplies and materials, securing candidates for various positions, cleaning buildings, preparing bus routes, and reviewing and revising policies, procedures, and



curricula under the COVID-19 environment and under the BCIT ABC Hybrid schedule. More information will be provided by your building administration.

During the summer Administrative Retreat, I was so proud to review all of the accomplishments for BCIT for the past year found on our website while highlighting the importance of innovation and resiliency given the opportunities we have before us to teach students in a hybrid model. We purchased the MindTap program to provide additional supports for the hybrid CTE program environment. Our ABC Hybrid schedule will allow for personalized instruction and office hours in the afternoon when staff will provide students opportunities to receive additional assistance or clarity in work covered. We made some great progress on student achievement efforts and have seen a major increase in reading levels and math for our students. We hosted New Jersey's first CTE Symposium, created a platform and strategic plan for equity and diversity and celebrated student commencements with a first-ever virtual tribute as a sign of the times and opportunity to showcase our students.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. Important information may be found on our district website www.burlcoschools.org including:

- The [District Calendar](#)
- The [BCIT Parent/Student Handbook](#)
- Information regarding emergency school closings and delays is in the student handbook (This is subject to change based on remote learning in place)
- Information regarding [student lunches](#) on each campus website (Grab and Go breakfast and Grab and Go lunches delivered to students in their last class – other arrangements for students who are 100% remote)
- [District Policies including COVID-19 Policies](#)
- Information regarding the [Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act](#) for students.

Through the ongoing support of the Burlington County Board of Commissioners and our Board of Education, we look forward to continuing to pursue our shared mission to prepare adolescents and adults of Burlington County to enter the labor market, serve our country in the military, and/or continue their educational aspirations.

We wish everyone a pleasant and safe remainder of the summer and I look forward to a special year filled with innovation, creativity and resilience while we continue to migrate through our new environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Nagy
Superintendent

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