First Day of School for Students is August 24th

July 9, 2020

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

I hope you had a great 4th of July holiday and that you are enjoying your summer. The BBHCSD recognizes that the reopening of school for the 2020-2021 School Year is on the minds of our families. Please know that District leadership has continued investing a great deal of time, energy and effort developing a final, comprehensive plan for our school family that returns our children to the classroom for learning in a physically safe environment. All of our plans, expected protocols and procedures must remain fluid and subject to change by state directive at any moment.

Accordingly, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools will fully open for all students to begin the 2020-2021 School Year on Monday, August 24th. This date has been selected to give our teachers and staff a few extra days to make final preparations to the classroom for the full return of students. For families with students who have compromised immune systems or other concerns about returning to school, the District will also be launching a fully online learning platform as well, the details of which will be available next week.

Students and staff will return to school operating under the guidance of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Reset and Restart Plan, a comprehensive outline of procedures and protocols for how students will learn in this present environment. The District’s plan, which is in the process of being thoroughly vetted and finalized by school leadership, will be released for your review on Friday, July 17th. The District is planning a virtual Town Hall meeting on Monday, July 20th at 1 p.m. to publicly present the BBHCSD’s plan and to answer questions. Log-in information will be shared with the community in the very near future. Our plan is based upon the guidance from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, and the information he presented late last week regarding the state’s return to school. The BBHCSD leadership felt strongly about a customized guiding document for our students and staff and took the proactive step to prepare our very own plan based on state guidance. The State of Ohio has since published two guiding documents that you can review here:

- COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools
- Health and Safety Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools

When the BBHCSD releases its Reset and Restart Plan, you will also have the opportunity to participate in another survey so you can share your intentions and thoughts about next school year with us. Thank you in advance for always taking the time to share your insights, which help to inform our decisions.

Finally, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Board of Education will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., which will be live streamed via You Tube for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business, and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be no public participation, but the community will be able to watch. Log-in information will be shared in the very near future.

The ongoing collaborative spirit that characterizes our school family will help to ensure a successful launch to the 2020-2021 School Year. Please plan to continue collaborating and sharing your thoughts and input through the survey, the upcoming Town Hall meeting and
more when opportunities present themselves.

Thank you for your patience as we finalize the most effective plan to educate our children while keeping them safe!

Sincerely,

Joelle Magyar
Superintendent of Schools