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Dear BCSSSD Parents and Guardians,

As the summer days wind down, and we reflect on a successful ESY program, 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. We are excited to welcome all BCSSSD students and staff for a new school year.

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 a 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 school/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.
- Parents/guardians 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 September 1, 2022, our staff will start the school year with two orientation days, which will include time to get classrooms set up, attend meetings, and time to work on professional development. We are excited to acknowledge some key updates, including beautiful wall murals on the hallways of Westampton Campus, which exemplify the great work done by our staff and students on campus and a major renovation of our HVAC system.

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:

- Continuation of our Tri-State Canine Therapy Dog partnership
- A renewed partnership with Burlington County Occupational Training Center
- The creation of an Innovation Lab to serve as an interactive and collaborative workspace
- The addition of Zen Dens, enhanced playrooms, and sensory rooms across each campus
- An Equity Champions program
- An interactive floor and bubble wall have been installed at the Westampton Campus
- Continuation of the Care Solace Program to support student, staff, and family mental health
- The addition of a psychiatric services provider
- The introduction of more Promethean Boards and Chromebooks to support virtual and in-person learning
- Partnerships with businesses are being extended and enhanced for our Transition Campus to support the innovative programs on campus and beyond
- A new student intake team is now in place for student enrollments
- A new intervention team approach is in place to support parents and the district

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,



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