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Dear BCSSSD Parents and Guardians,

As the summer days wind down, we are preparing for the in-person, full time return of students on September 8, 2021. 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. Today, I'm writing to provide you with updates since my July 26, 2021 letter and to highlight a few key changes on our campuses.

Within the past week, we have received revised guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education for the start of the school year, including the governor's most recent Executive Order (No. 253) for mandated vaccinations for staff who work in schools. This follows Executive Order No. 251, which mandates that *students, staff, and anyone in school buildings, including guests, must wear masks*. The latest changes have been incorporated into the revised version of our plan, which can be found on our website: [BCSSSD Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction \(Draft\)](#). The Plan incorporates suggestions from parents, guardians, and staff who participated in the Pandemic Response Team as well as comments received from the community. We welcome any additional comments or suggestions, which can be shared by emailing bcssdsafereurn@burloschools.org. Please keep in mind that this plan is subject to change as we receive ongoing guidance from the Governor, CDC, and Burlington County Department of Health.

This week, student schedules are being finalized and bus passes will be sent out to students to be completed by parents/guardians. The bus pass, to be presented as students board the bus and before entering the school, includes a COVID-19 symptom questionnaire and optional disclosure of vaccination status. Since we will be on a full-day schedule each and every day, meals will be served prior to school and during lunch periods.

We are excited to acknowledge some key changes that include rebranding efforts based upon feedback from parents. On the main Westampton Campus, the names of each wing (formerly known as campuses) have been changed. The outside entrances will reflect the new names to make it easier for parents and visitors to go to their appropriate wing. In addition, to assist with building navigation, we have color-coded our hallways to denote the various wings. A communication regarding the details of these changes has been shared with parents from the Westampton Campus principal, Katie Hardgrove.

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20 Pioneer Boulevard
Westampton, NJ 08060
(609) 261-5600, ext. 2218

Alternative School
1020 Briggs Road
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
(609) 261-5600, ext. 2501

Lumberton Campus
71 Ark Road
Lumberton, NJ 08048
(609) 261-5600, ext. 4430

Transition Campus
20 Pioneer Boulevard
Westampton, NJ 08060
(609) 261-5600, ext. 3100



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. In addition to the new names on the Westampton Campus, parents/guardians and students can expect to see the following updates this year:

- An Innovation Lab has been created as interactive collaborative space for staff to meet and work collaboratively
- Zen Dens, enhanced playrooms, and sensory rooms have been added across each campus
- An Equity Champions program is being introduced
- A new interactive sensory floor has been added to the Westampton Campus
- The Care Solace Program is now in place to support student, staff, and family mental health
- A psychiatric services provider has been hired to offer continuity of services
- More Promethean Boards and Chromebooks have been introduced to support virtual and in-person learning
- Partnerships with businesses are being extended for our Transition Campus to support the innovative programs on campus and beyond
- A new student intake team is now in place for new student enrollments
- A new intervention team approach is being introduced as we work with parents and districts

On behalf of the Board of Education and administration, I wish all of you a safe and productive school year and a restful end to the summer.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Christopher J. Nagy
Superintendent of Schools