Brigantine Public School District Re-Entry Plan

Board of Education Meeting - 7/30/20



Where Everyone is Someone

There is no going "back" in the past. It is only through and forward....

Thank You #BrigStrong Team

Board of Education Administration **Brigantine Education Association** Parents Students Deputy Mayor, Vince Sera City Manager, Jim Bennett **Brigantine FD/PD/OEM Brigantine Public Works Brigantine Chamber of Commerce Brigantine Clean Communities Brigantine Elks** Safety Bus Service **Committee Members** Nutri-Serve Food Management Eric Goldstein, Esquire

This is an ever changing VUCA world. As per Governor, changes can occur during real time.

Transportation

At this time, what are your thoughts about transportation for your child(ren)? 176 responses



- I would have my child take the bus while wearing a mask
- I would provide alternate transportation
- My child does not require bus transportation
- My child will attend remotely, if available

Student Needs/Concerns

When students return to school in September, which of the following supports will be needed? (Please check all that apply)

176 responses



Wearing Masks

What is your level of support for wearing masks? 176 responses



- Do not support and my child will not attend school if this is required
- Do not support but I recognize that it may be a necessity
- Somewhat support
- Completely support-must be in place

Parents/Visitors In Building

What is your level of support for NOT permitting volunteers, parents, or other visitors into the building?

175 responses



- Do not support and my child will not attend school if this is required
- Do not support but I recognize that it may be a necessity
- Somewhat support
- Completely support-must be in place

In Person vs. Remote

At this time we are looking at a hybrid option where families have a choice. Which option would you prefer for the reopening of school for your child(ren)? 170 responses



Return to school in September Full Time
 Remote Learning Full Time

Before/After Care

Are you planning on sending your child to the Before/After Care Program?





- Cleaning and sanitizing of district buildings with approved disinfectants, paying special attention to high-traffic areas, preschool, and frequently touched surfaces.
- Cleaning of desks, tables, doorknobs, restrooms and other hotspots throughout the day when possible.
- Increased frequency of the changing of air filters in the schools ventilation systems.
- Throughout the day the use of electrostatic sanitizing sprayers to be used to maximize the sanitizing of the buildings.

- Additional bottle fill water stations have been added to the facility. All other water fountains have been turned off and disabled. The Brigantine Clean Communities will be donating water bottles for each student.
- Touchless soap dispensers being installed in as many areas as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be in every room, office, large spaces and hallways.
 All PreK-5th grade rooms have wash areas.
- Communication and directional signage will reinforce good hygiene practices, social distancing, and hand washing.

- Unnecessary furniture, tables, and any other materials removed from classrooms and stored elsewhere.
- Sharing of individual items such as Chromebooks, pens/pencils, paint brushes, toys, food, etc. is discouraged.
- The District has acquired a supply of thousands of PPE items including different size face masks, face shields, and gloves. The district encourages parents to supply each student with a proper fitting and comfortable face mask. The district also asks that staff members do the same. However, in the case a mask is damaged, lost, or otherwise dealt unsafe, the district shall provide a mask.
- When feasible, outside areas will be used to promote social distancing and then be sanitized.

District PPE's At This Time

11,000 pairs size medium disposable gloves

11,000 pairs size extra large disposable gloves

10,000 adult size disposable face masks

4,000 kids size disposable face masks

100 face covering for the hearing impaired (ordered)

100 disposable isolation gowns (ordered)

100 disposable KN95 face masks (ordered)

23,000 disinfectant wipes onsite another 16,000 ordered

Consistently evaluating and ordering as needed.

- District purchased 550 three-walled partitions for each student desk.
- Clear partitions for administrative assistants and clerks.
- The district is establishing a third-party cleaning service contract to assist with additional cleaning services and other needs.

- Students and staff will be required to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible. There will be multiple times during the day for students to go outside for mask breaks.

- The Chamber of Commerce is providing each student a lanyard to clip onto masks.

Bus and Parent Drop Off/Pick Up

- Parents will drop off/pick up at Door #1 loop
- Busing drop off/pick up will be at opposite side of the building.
- Students are to have their masks on at all times when leaving the vehicle, remain socially distanced from others, and enter the school.
- Students will enter and go directly to their 1st period class.
- We are evaluating additional access points once we gain an understanding of the number of students that will be in person versus remote. Additional information will be shared with parents in August.

In-District Transportation

- Elimination of courtesy busing only students living more than two miles from where students are dropped off at school (using the address Sheridan Place and Quay Boulevard) will be transported as per N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1, unless special transportation is included in a student's IEP
- This change will reduce the number of Brigantine Community School buses from ten buses to seven buses:
 - 2 buses for preschool to 1st grade students (including siblings) with an aide
 - 4 buses for 2nd grade to 8th grade students without an aide
 - 1 bus for 2nd grade to 8th grade special education students with an aide

Out-of-District Transportation

- Continue to have 1 bus to Atlantic County Special Services
- Continue to have 2 buses to Atlantic City High School
- Increase from 1.5 to 2 buses to Atlantic County Institute of Technology
- Continue to have 1 bus to Holy Spirit High School
- Do not have information on whether busing to Ocean City High School or Charter Tech High School will be available yet at this time

Bus Safety & Cleaning Procedures

- All drivers will be provided with face masks to be utilized while transporting students. Gloves will also be provided for cleaning school bus and as needed.
- Drivers' temperatures will be taken before both AM and PM routes.
- Students must wear masks at group bus stops and on the bus at all times.
- Students will not be permitted on bus without masks (drivers will have extra if needed).
- Bus drivers and bus aides must wear masks at all time.
- Students will have assigned seating on the bus based on households and will be spaced out.
- Cleaning of the buses will take place each day by Safety Bus Service as well as district custodial staff prior to any of our students boarding. Special thank you to City officials for helping to solidify a location where this will take place for the AM runs. PM runs will be additionally cleaned at the school before dismissal.

Reopening Plan

- Capacity and Student Population is our strength! Extra rooms, and storage.
- Families will have two options In-Person or Remote from Home
- Building Closure and Full Remote 2.0 is a decision that only the Governor can declare.
- School will be open Monday through Friday, normal hours
- Families MUST apply at https://forms.gle/vfFx2N6xSvRKs7Ev7 to be remote by August 5, 2020.
- Students can re-enter from remote settings at the start of a new Marking Period, if they desire to do so.
- If a student begins the year In-Person, and wants to go Remote, parents/guardians must place a request in writing to the Principal.

Calendar

- The District Calendar has been revised for all Professional Development for staff on September 1, 2, 3. Students will begin Full Day Instruction on September 8, 2020.
- Parent Connection/PD Days
- **CBA and National Holidays**

BRIGANTINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2020, 2021 School Calendar

	2020-2021 School Calendar									
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Screening of Students/Staff

- Staff will be required to self screen their health each morning.

- Parents are to screen their child's health each morning.

- Anyone with symptoms and/or a fever are to remain home. As per our BOE Policy, all parent/guardians are responsible to adhering to the policy and keeping a child home until fever free for at least 24 hours.

-As students enter the building, staff will visually check students for symptoms upon arrival.

-Staff will take students' temperatures upon entering the classroom at the beginning of the school day.

-In the event that a student has a temperature above 100 degrees F, the student will report to a designated area in the nurse's office where they will be given a second temperature check and screened for symptoms.

Visitors in Building

- IEP meetings, Meet Your Teacher, Parent Teacher Conferences, and other meetings will be held virtually.

-Visitors will not be permitted into the building unless pre-approval of an administrative team member 24-48 hours in advance.

-All delivery people or contracted maintenance personnel will be required to wear a mask.

- Parents who sign out students will remain outside and await their child(ren).

- Interior vestibule at Door #1 will only allow ONE person at a time.

Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

- Core curricular programs are not changing
- Creative Curriculum for Preschool with modifications from current guidance
- Go Math and Big Ideas, Math K-8
- Teachers College Reading and Writing Project from Columbia University, Language Arts K-8
- Online Platforms include Google Classroom and Class Dojo
- Online Programs include IXL, Newsela, Mystery Science, Raz Kids
- Math and Language Arts will have supplemental programs to assist in assessment and blending school and remote instruction
- Professional development will be provided in September on all programs, platforms, and best practices in virtual instruction
- Parent training will be provided to streamline virtual instruction

Technology Upgrades

- Individual Chromebooks for each student in Kindergarten to 8th Grade.
- Rooms have been outfitted with new speaker systems to amplify teacher voice so that all can hear while masks are worn.
- Rooms that were in need of new SMART Panels have been outfitted with 75inch boards to assist with viewing.
- Electric pencil sharpeners have been installed in each classroom.
- OnCourse Parent Portal Parents will have access to enter their correct contact information into the system to ensure school/district messages are received.

Food Services

Breakfast - Breakfast will be served from carts and eaten during first period class. There will be no breakfast in the cafeteria.

- Lunch PK-5 grade students will eat lunch in their classrooms.
- Lunch 6th 8th grade students will eat in their classrooms and/or cafeteria.
 TBA based on scheduling.

Closure of Physical Building - Positive Test

- In the event that a student/staff member tests positive for Covid-19 during the school year, the following will take place.
 - The district will send out a notification to all parents and staff in the district.
 - The district will be in contact with the Department of Health.
 - Contact Tracers from the DOH will contact those that may have been within risk of being in contact with a person testing positive, closer than 6 feet, and for 15 minutes or more.
 - The district will close for 48 hours for cleaning. The district is required to wait 24 hours before cleaning the designated area(s).
 - All classes will go to an A, B schedule virtually with teachers. The remote schedule will be provided to students and staff.
 - The class that had a positive case of Covid-19 of a student/staff member will remain on Quarantine at home based on current CDC guidance and the direction from the County Department of Health. STUDENTS AND STAFF members will not be marked absent, as they will work remotely on a daily basis. (Based on CDC Guidelines at the time of incident).

Remote Learning 2.0 -FULL Physical Building Closure

- As mentioned earlier, the Governor and/or the Department of Health can close the school building down, like they did this past Spring.

- Full Remote 2.0 would be in effect. Classes and staff would meet virtually each day based on an A day/B day schedule.

Before and After Care

- Will be operational from 7:30 am 8:30 am and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Students will be socially distanced in the Cafeteria, and select Before/After rooms.
- All students are subject to temperature screenings by staff.
- School sanitization protocol will be followed.
- All changes mentioned earlier apply.
- After-care groupings will be planned in advance based on demand. No same day additions to after-care will be allowed.

SEL/Wraparound Services

- -Individual/Group Counseling
- -Resiliency Team Initiatives
- -Mentoring
- -Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- -No Place for Hate Initiative
- -Monthly Participation in Traumatic Loss Coalition Meetings
- -Staff Training-Trauma Informed Instructional Strategies
- -Designate/Update Website for Social Emotional Resources
- -Development of Cohorts to Monitor Student Social Emotional Well-Being
- -Establishing Additional Counseling Activities Through Virtual Platform
- -After School Title One Services
- -Homework Club
- -Strengthening Families
- -Before and After Care
- -Provide Virtual Homework Assistance
- -Parent Training
- -Parent Connections via Zoom with Teachers and Parents

Sports/Clubs/Outside Organizations

 Extra-Curricular activities will take place physically and/or virtually based on guidelines of Cape Atlantic League Junior Division, NJSIAA, and State orders.

- Outside organizations will not be permitted to use the interior of the building.

Next Steps

- Submission to the New Jersey Department of Education for compliance review and acceptance.
- Note that it is a living document and may change as we receive additional guidance and information.

Thank You #BrigStrong CommUNITY

- Teamwork, patience, communication, flexibility, compassion, and empathy are all keys for our commUNITY moving forward.
- Families are strongly encouraged to contact school officials with questions before going straight to social media. Work together, not against.
- Confidentiality in regards to positive cases is required by the school.
- ALL IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON GOVERNOR, NJDOE, AND DOH ORDERS.

Questions

Questions and thoughts can be submitted to help@brigantineschools.org