

Dear Families, Faculty, and Staff,

This Update J-1 is to inform the school community of the District's plan to safely open the schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) requires that all school districts update their school reopening plans for a safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for the 2021-2022 school year. Furthermore, to access American Rescue Plan-Elementary & Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Grant Funds, school districts are required to ascertain input and feedback from stakeholders in regard to fall 2021 opening plans. While Brookfield is currently open for in-person learning 5 days per week, we are obligated to adhere to the above requirement. To that end, **we ask that you review our initial draft of the [2021-2022 School Opening Plan](#) and provide us with feedback or questions at askcovid19bps@brookfieldps.org no later than Wednesday, June 9, 2021.**

As we revise this plan, the physical health and safety of students and staff remains the priority in opening the schools this fall. **It is important to note that at the time of this communication, there are many recommendations, guidelines, and requirements yet to be determined by the CDC, DPH, CSDE, and Brookfield Health Department. For example, we are awaiting updated guidance regarding mask wearing, physical distancing, and quarantine protocols beginning in the fall of 2021. Therefore, please know that as new information is released and updated, this plan will change accordingly over the course of the summer.** As the plan is updated, revisions will be reflected on our district website.

To fulfill the state requirement for public engagement regarding the fall opening plan, the COVID Liaison and Nurse Coordinator have made initial revisions to the existing reopening plan. The District Reopening Team has reviewed said revisions and provided feedback. This communication is the next step in obtaining public feedback and input to the plan. Similar to last year, we will plan for additional stakeholder input via various public engagement strategies.

As a reminder, on May 5th, the Board of Education voted unanimously that remote learning will no longer be considered a voluntary option at the request of families. Therefore, the Board shall discontinue offering remote learning opportunities for students associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. More information can be found in District Update [D-1-Remote Learning Next Year](#).

We look forward to your input and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. John W. Barile
Superintendent of Schools