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Dear Parents/Families:

Since May, we have been working to prepare a plan for reopening schools in the fall. In accordance with the guidelines from the CT State Department of Education on reopening schools, the Berlin Public Schools is planning for a full, safe, and appropriate reopening of our schools in the fall of 2020. At its essence, our plan is designed to bring our students back into full-time, in-school instruction, with safeguards in place to protect student health, and appropriate modifications made to our daily operations and instructional design. The plan also includes information related to instruction for families who choose not to have their children return to school at this time. Please click [here](#) to view a draft of the plan.

We have scheduled parent meetings to take place next week to discuss the district plan, as well as some aspects of scheduling and planning that are unique to the elementary, middle, and high school levels. These meetings will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the details of the plan. Because of the number of parents/guardians who may participate, the meetings will be broadcast on the district YouTube channel.

If you have a question or comment, please click [here](#) to send your question(s) or comment(s) to me prior to the meeting. We will respond to as many questions as we can during the meeting and will provide further opportunities for feedback as we get closer to the start of the new school year.

Links for building/level specific meetings:

BHS – Monday, July 20, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Please click [here](#) to view the meeting.

McGee – Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Please click [here](#) to view the meeting.

Griswold, Hubbard and Willard (Elementary plans are essentially the same, so these meetings have been combined. You may attend the meeting that best fits your schedule.)

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Please click [here](#) to view the meeting.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Please click [here](#) to view the meeting.

Sincerely,

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