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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Berlin Public Schools is planning to reopen our schools on Monday, August 31, 2020. We are excited and eager to begin a new school year and to have staff and students together again. As you know, we have been working over the last several months to create a plan for the full, safe reopening of our school facilities. The current version of our plan for reopening can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

- ***At this time, we plan to utilize our updated hybrid model in grades 6-12, with students attending school on assigned, alternating weeks. Barring significant changes in the community health statistics, this model will be in place for the first six weeks of school, and we will reassess a return to full, in-person instruction at that time.***
- ***At the elementary level, grades preschool-grade 5, we are planning on a full, in-person return to classes, with a strong cohort model in place to minimize contact between classes of students. In both scenarios, we will be closely monitoring the community health statistics and responding to concerns as they arise to protect the safety of our students and staff.***

Parents/guardians of students enrolled in BPS have two learning options for their child(ren) for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Send your child to school for in-school/in-person instruction
- Have your child participate in remote instruction

NOTE: Students who participate in remote instruction will be allowed to participate in school co-curricular activities.

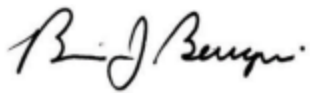
School schedules, available courses, and participation in school activities may be limited in either option due to constraints related to COVID-19; however, both options will meet all state standards of learning and graduation requirements.

Please use this link to access the [Return to School-Enrollment Options](#) form. Please complete one form for EACH child in your household who is enrolled in the Berlin Public Schools by Friday, August 14. If no response is

received for your child, the student will be automatically enrolled for in-school/in-person instruction for the start of the school year.

It is important to recognize that the return to school is contingent on the current positive health data continuing throughout the rest of the summer and into the fall. With the support and guidance of the Central Connecticut Health District, we will be closely monitoring community transmission rates. Please help us by doing your part to keep us all safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Benigni". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "B".

Brian J. Benigni, Superintendent of Schools