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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a school community, we are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Thursday, August 26. The staff across the district has been hard at work to ensure a smooth opening. The schools have been thoroughly cleaned, more than 20 new staff members have been hired, and teachers and administrators have been busy preparing to have all of our students return to school for fully in-person instruction.

Opening of School:

Like all of you, we have been following the release of news and guidance from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Connecticut State Department of Public Health (DPH). Based on the most recent guidance we have received, we have created a document highlighting our plans for the Opening of School and the COVID-19 Mitigation Measures that will be in place. The document can be accessed here:

[2021-22 Opening of School and COVID-19 Mitigation Measures](#). This document includes updated information on quarantine guidelines, universal mask requirements through September 30, and other important information.

Please note that the document is in draft form, pending Board of Education approval at the next meeting, on Monday, August 23. Once the document has been approved, it will also be posted on the district website.

School Breakfast and Lunch Information:

Free breakfast and lunch will be offered to all students during the 2021-2022 school year. Additional meals may be purchased. Berlin High School and McGee School will have a la carte items available for purchase on regular school days. Students who bring lunch may buy milk at a cost of 50 cents. On scheduled early dismissal days and emergency closing days, lunch will be served only at the elementary schools.

Enjoy this final weekend of summer! We hope you all stay safe and dry with the impending storms, and hope that next Thursday will be a bright, sunny day for the opening of a new year.

Sincerely,

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