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Dear students, parents/guardians, staff, and community,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the start of another school year in the Bristol Warren Regional School District. This year promises to be different than any other, as we develop plans to contend with the multiple scenarios that may emerge as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we prepare to reopen, either in person, in a hybrid mode, or through distance learning, it is critical that we are flexible and able to adapt to changing circumstances to keep students and staff safe.

Health and safety guidelines will require that all students and staff wear masks each day while at school. The mask requirement has been directed by the Governor and will be maintained in all areas of the school, classrooms, hallways, and buses. Principals are working to develop schedules that will incorporate mask breaks each day where students will be able to remove their masks, while maintaining social distancing, and getting some fresh air. In preparation for the school year and possible in person or hybrid learning students and staff should practice wearing their masks for extended periods of time. Guidance on acceptable masks is included in this update.

Student schedules will be distributed by each school on September 3. These schedules include information about distance learning teachers for elementary and middle school students. Teachers will continue to refine their instructional practices to ensure that students in person or via distance learning are provided with the best possible learning opportunities. Distance learning will be different than what we experienced in the Spring and will continue to evolve as teachers utilize various strategies to support students.

Finally, the goals of BWRSD remain the same, to become a Top 5 in 5 year academically performing school district in Rhode Island. Our plans for the 2020-2021 school year include increased opportunities for staff to work together and plan by content area and grade level. BWRSD has also worked with students, community members, and staff to strengthen English Language Arts curriculum by incorporating diverse authors, building a high school course that focuses on Diversity and Social Justice, and developing an inclusive social emotional learning framework for our students. These efforts are in the early stages and our work will continue in these areas to realize the goals of our students, community, and staff.

Please continue to work with us, ask questions and seek clarity, and remain flexible as we enter the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely Yours,

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