



Superintendent's Summer **Bulldog Briefing**

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Happy Monday Bridgeton Team!

I hope this briefing finds you all safe and healthy, and enjoying the last weeks of summer break. As we near the opening of school, and welcome teachers back this week, administrators the following week, and returning teachers the week of September 1st, we continue to tweak our [in-person reopening plan](#) to ensure it meets all mandated minimal requirements for staff and student health and safety, and complies with changing policies, executive orders, and mandates.

After much engagement with our association leaders last week, Board members, principals, other district Superintendents, and our Board attorney, we will be asking the following individuals to support COVID-related tasks.

- Sanitizing buses and seats (drivers)
- Taking staff temperatures daily (officers for early arrivers, then nurses)
- Taking visitor temperatures daily (officers)
- Taking student temperatures daily (nurses)
- Monitoring the isolation spaces (nurses)
- Monitoring the hallways (district staff)
- Sanitizing desks in grades 5-12 as groups change (students; mandatory cleaning enforced by teachers)
- Sanitizing PreK-12 desks before and after meals (students; mandatory cleaning enforced by teachers)

As I am sure you are aware, [Governor's Murphy's newest Executive Order \(EO-175\)](#) gives local Superintendents the option of opening 100% remote. After consulting with the Cumberland County Health Department, the Vine-land Health Department and the Superintendents of Cumberland County, Bridgeton Public Schools will request to open on September 8th with the 100% remote option.

The health risk in Cumberland County currently sits at the [Moderate Level](#). As a result of this risk factor, along with:

- Needed time to contract additional nurses to ensure we can screen staff

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Meals for the Week of August 10th

**Reported By
Mr. DeShields**

**Students Served:
3,607
Meals Served:
25,306**



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and students, and isolate “symptomatic individuals, with continued supervision and care for students.”

- Needed time to receive signage and install 200 additional hand-sanitizing stations across our 8 school sites.
- A lack of air conditioning and/or proper ventilation at Broad Street School, Indian Avenue School, and Cherry Street School, where students and staff are required to wear face coverings all day.

Our first day of school remains September 8th for remote instruction only; we intend to begin our in-person hybrid model on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020.

Per our original plan, we plan to slowly phase in in-person learning, with students first attending 1 day a week. When we can safely do so, we would scale up to phase 2 with in-person instruction 2 days a week, Mon-

day and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday with Wednesday (instead of Friday) being a remote instruction day for all students. Under phase 1, self-contained special needs and all Pre-K students would attend 2 days a week, and 4 days per week under phase 2.

We are hopeful that by October 13th, we will be in a better position to provide in-person instruction and safely execute our hybrid plan. Air-conditioning will not be a concern, and we will have the additional nursing staff to supervise our screening and isolation spaces.

In the meantime (between September 8th and October 12th), unless a new executive order is issued or an employee receives an approved exclusion under the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#), central office staff should plan to be physically in the office 5 days a week on a regular schedule. Building-based staff should plan to be physically in buildings 4 days a week delivering remote lessons to students who remain off-

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100% Remote School Day Schedule (Starts September 8th)							
Grade Band	Start Times for Teachers	Virtual Start for Students	Virtual End for Students	Break	Intervention/Enrichment 75-min Block		
High School	7:15	7:30	12:50	12:50-1:30	1:30-2:45		
5-8	7:45	8:00	1:20	1:20-2:00	2:00-3:15		
K-4	8:15	8:30	1:50	1:50-2:30	2:30-3:45		
PreK	8:45	9:00	2:20	2:20-3:00	3:00-4:15		
ExCEL	7:45	8:00	1:20	1:20-2:00	2:00-4:30		

Phase 1 Hybrid (Projected Start - October 13th)					Phase 2 Hybrid (Projected Start - TBD)		
K-12 reports 1 day per week in-person 25% SPED and PreK report 2 days per week in-person					K-12 reports 2 days per week in-person 50% SPED and PreK report 4 days per week in-person		
	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D		GROUP A & B	GROUP C & D
MON	IN-PERSON	REMOTE	REMOTE	REMOTE	MON	IN-PERSON	REMOTE
TUES	REMOTE	IN-PERSON	REMOTE	REMOTE	TUES	IN-PERSON	REMOTE
WED	REMOTE	REMOTE	REMOTE	REMOTE	WED	REMOTE	REMOTE
THURS	REMOTE	REMOTE	IN-PERSON	REMOTE	THURS	REMOTE	IN-PERSON
FRI	REMOTE	REMOTE	REMOTE	IN-PERSON	FRI	REMOTE	IN-PERSON

Bridgeton Public Schools' entire Reopening Plan can be found on the district website: www.bridgeton.k12.nj.us							
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site; all building-based staff will work remotely from home on Wednesdays (instead of Fridays) to allow for the intensive cleaning of all school building sites each Wednesday. Building secretaries and principals only report on Wednesdays.

Finally, school-based 10-month staff should plan for a return from 9/1-9/4 to their assigned buildings to participate in remote in-service sessions from their offices and classrooms, coordinated by the Curriculum department, central office, and principals, unless approved to work remotely via an FFCRA exclusion.

Meetings/Engagements Aug. 10-13

- Multiple conference and Skype calls with Superintendents across Cumberland County, including additional communication with superintendents of Cumberland County Technical High School, Millville, Vineland, and Fairfield.
- Additional calls to other Superintendent contacts in Mercer and Camden counties.
- Individual meetings with the Director of HR, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Bilingual and ESL, Director of Special Education, and the Business Administrator.
- Board Committee meetings: Personnel, Curriculum, and Facilities
- August Board meeting
- Walkthrough of Broad Street School
- Meeting with two local physicians to discuss the availability of testing across Cumberland County
- Conversations with the Board President.
- Weekly Governance meeting
- Weekly Leadership Team meeting
- Meeting with confidential secretary to plan our opening Administrative Council agenda for our Aug. 26-27th sessions.

Upcoming Dates/Events

- Community Walk (drive through) on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 2:30-3:30.
- Four virtual Community Town Halls in both Spanish and English; town halls in English will take place on Tuesday from 7-8 PM and Thursday from 3-4 PM. Town halls in Spanish will take place on Monday from 3-4 PM and Wednesday from 7-8 PM.
- New Teacher Orientation from Tuesday, August 18th to Thursday, August 20th.



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