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Bristol Public Schools Parents, Guardians and Staff,

We hope this week's update finds you and your family feeling healthy, safe, and enjoying the summer weather. Today, Governor Lamont released preliminary information regarding Connecticut's plan for the reopening of schools this fall. The plan is intended to (1) ensure equity and access for our students and families, (2) be responsive to health conditions, (3) provide opportunities for all learners, and (4) establish and monitor conditions to make real-time decisions. We will create Bristol Public Schools district-wide and school-specific plans to align with the recommendations outlined in the State plan. Due to a decrease in the spread of COVID-19 in Connecticut, all students and staff will return to school in a traditional format following five recommendations which include: maximizing social distancing, frequent handwashing, use of face masks, increased cleaning and disinfecting, and cohorting of students (students remain in similar groupings throughout the day).

When detailed guidance is released, our BPS Reopening Committee will review the State guidelines and tailor our reopening plans to meet our district and schools' needs. Our BPS Reopening Committee includes administrators, teachers, parents, students and representatives from the Bristol Burlington Health District. We will utilize recommendations provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education as well as the feedback from survey results from parents, families, and staff conducted this May. We are clear that ensuring the health and safety of our students, families, and staff remains our top priority throughout this process.

The committee will be working throughout July to make a recommendation to the Board of Education and Student Achievement Committee during the week of July 22, 2020. We will communicate our detailed BPS Reopening plan to all families by no later than July 29, 2020. We will also provide updates until July 29, 2020, and create a system for parents and staff to provide feedback after each communication.

We thank you for your patience, trust, and participation--as we all work to develop plans that ensure safety and health, while also rethinking teaching and learning through the lens of equity and excellence. We are BPS! We are Bristol All Heart! We are in this together!

In Partnership,

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