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Dear Bristol Public Schools Community,

The weather this past week has posed new challenges for our families and staff, community, and schools. During the past five months, we have become reliant on all things electronic, storm Isias has interrupted that for many of us. Due to the disruption in power throughout many areas in the city, we recorded the school level webinars held earlier this week and have posted them on school sites. To those families and staff who were able to participate in the school-based webinars, we thank you, for those still managing life without electricity, each webinar will remain on the school website for thirty days. A sincere thanks to each of you who has contacted us to provide your insights or ask questions as we prepare to reopen our schools and district.

Last week we asked our families and staff to provide input on the type of Hybrid Model BPS will implement if necessary. The results from the survey show 73.4% of the 1,788 families that participated in the survey, prefer an Alternating Day Schedule. Students will be divided alphabetically, A-K, and L-Z. Students in the A-K cohort will attend school on A and C days. Students in the L-Z cohort will attend school on B and D days. Teachers will develop asynchronous lessons and will respond to asynchronous learning on Wednesdays. On the weekdays when students are not in school, they will engage in asynchronous learning that is built upon the in-person learning that was done on the prior day. If this model is implemented we will send a monthly calendar denoted which letter day (A-D) falls on which day of the week.

Power outages across the state and city have created other complications related to the distribution of tablets, Chromebooks, and laptops, there are neighborhoods and schools within Bristol still without power. We will postpone the distribution of Chromebooks and tablets, until the week of August 17th, school principals will send specific information regarding your child's device distribution process, dates, and times today and throughout the upcoming week.

We thank you again for your continued partnership and understanding, as we navigate the upcoming school year. A decision regarding what model for school reopening, 100% in person, 50% in person, or full remote, will be made next week.

We are Bristol Public Schools! We are Bristol All Heart! We are all in this together!

In partnership,

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Superintendent of Schools



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