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Belleville Henderson School District Opening Plan 2021-2022

The Belleville Henderson Central School Board of Education formally approved the District's Reopening Plan for the 2021-22 school year on Monday, August 30, 2021. This plan will balance the health and safety of our students and staff with the ability to allow for all students to return for in-person learning 5 days a week.

Daily Operations - All K-12 students will return to school for 5 day a week, full-day in-person learning. Pre-K will resume half day learning.

Pursuant to NYSED and the NYS Department of Health Guidance - The Belleville Henderson Central School District will implement the guidance to the fullest extent possible. We will continue working with Jefferson County Public Health with contact tracing, isolation and quarantine orders.

Extra-Curricular Activities – All district extra-curricular activities will be fully implemented.

Belleville Henderson District Health and Safety Protocols Effective August 31, 2021-

- **Mask Mandate Inside** - All students, staff and visitors in Pre K-12 schools must wear masks indoors, according to the state Department of Health (DOH).
- **Outside Mask Relief** - Students and staff who are not in crowded areas outside do not have to wear a mask.
- **Meals** - Meals will be eaten in the classrooms. Children may take their masks off while eating.
- **Mask Breaks** - Mask breaks will be managed by classroom teachers.
- **Social Distancing** - Physical distancing between students of 3 feet will be maintained in the classroom to the best of our ability and more when possible. Physical distancing between students of 6 feet will be maintained between students and adults, as well as, between adults not yet fully vaccinated. Physical distancing between students of 6 feet will be maintained during physical education, as well as band and chorus.
- **Transportation** - All students and adults on school buses must wear masks. We appreciate parents who are able to transport their children as it relieves crowding on our buses. Parents may drop off by the gym entrance similar to last year.
- **Cleaning** - Cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, high touch areas, and other district facilities will be conducted on a daily basis.
- **Hygiene** - Students and staff will be encouraged to practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette on a regular basis.
- **Stay Home When Sick and See a Doctor** - Students and staff will be asked to stay home when they are sick and directed to get tested for COVID-19 before returning to school.
- **Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH)** - JCPH will continue to perform contract tracing and isolation/quarantine procedures. Our school nurse, Mrs. Bertram, will work closely with JCPH to communicate identified cases, health trends and outbreaks in our school.

- **Visitors** - All visitors requesting to meet in school with administration will be required to make an appointment. Nonessential visitors will be limited to our school especially during times of high COVID-19 community transmission. Also, all visitors will be required to wear masks and participate in a health screening.

Mask Exceptions for Americans with Disabilities - The aforementioned mask mandate is subject to CDC exceptions including those individuals who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or a person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety or job duty as determined by relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

Remote Learning - Students with documented medical conditions approved by the medical director may qualify for "Remote Only Educational Program." The parent will be required to participate in a 504 and CSE process to determine if remote learning is appropriate. These students will be educated through a BOCES Service. This is not a service that will be used as a parent choice option.

Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) – Parents may choose the IHIP program to educate their children at home. Parents of, or persons in parental relation to, compulsory school age children have the legal right to instruct their children at home. We have parents who participate in educating their children at home. If a child is being educated at home, the local school district must be assured that the child is receiving instruction in certain required courses/subjects.

Vaccination Clinics – The Belleville Henderson Central School District will partner with Jefferson County Public Health on the coordination of vaccination clinics for age appropriate students, the staff and members of the community if possible. We will inform you of dates and times of these clinics when they are scheduled.

Please be advised that the procedures outlined in this reopening plan may be subject to revision based on changing conditions outlined by Jefferson County Public Health, the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department. We will inform you of any revisions that are made.

As always, our number one priority throughout this pandemic has been to keep out students, staff, and community safe. We thank you for your continued cooperation and are excited and looking forward to the start of this upcoming school year.