



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

Hybrid Online Learning Despite County Risk Status Change and Important Athletics Update Below

August 21st, 2020

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

The District would like to express its gratitude for the approximately 3,300 responses received to the Declaration of Intention form which was circulated to parents last week. Your feedback helps school district leadership to continue to plan and prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 School Year. Thank you all, once again.

With each passing week, more significant changes and updates emerge from statewide and county officials that impact school for the upcoming year. Such was the case this week. Yesterday, Thursday, August 20th, Cuyahoga County was upgraded to a Level 2-Orange Public Health Risk Status. While this is positive news for citizens of the county, notwithstanding this, please keep in mind that the **BBHCSD will continue forward with its Hybrid Learning Model** until November 30th, when at that time, all students will shift to the Remote Learning Model until January 4th. The decision to maintain the Hybrid Learning Model was Board approved earlier this month, and was made in the best interest of the safety of our students and staff.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health also provided some direction earlier this week regarding interscholastic athletics and co-curricular competitions. Accordingly, all sports are permitted to practice and engage in competition, subject to the full compliance with social distancing requirements and other statewide provisions. BBHCSD student-athletes and other co-curricular participants in fall activities will continue practicing and preparing for the upcoming, albeit truncated, competition season. The District encourages you to reference the school calendar for events and activities. [You can also read the full order from the Ohio Department of Health relative to fall sports which has been posted under the Resources tab of our website.](#)

This directive impacts the BBHCSD in several important ways. The District conducted a thorough analysis of its space and capacities at our various venues to determine adequate compliance with the state standards. To maintain spectators at safe, social distances, each Bees fall activity participant will be given the opportunity to purchase two tickets per competition or event for family members only. All spectators are **REQUIRED** to wear a face covering at all times on campus. Players and coaches are required to wear their face coverings at all times other than when warming up and competing in the contest. As you find seats in the bleachers, family pods are encouraged to sit together while maintaining 6-feet of social distance from other people in every direction. The District asks that as you enter our facility to please maintain social distance between you and others. Finally, upon completion of the contest, the BBHCSD asks that you please leave the building in a timely manner so as to avoid congregation.

The unprecedented nature of circumstances around us all compels the District to take such actions, which are being implemented for the overall health, safety, and well-being of everyone. The BBHCSD Athletics Department will be sharing more information regarding fall activities in the near future and is confident that a safe and successful fall season can take place with a collective commitment to following this guidance.

Building principals have begun sharing more detailed information with parents regarding specific items of importance for your students. Please continue to remain on the lookout for building-wide information from your principals in the coming weeks.

BBHCSD has learned today that the City of Broadview Heights needs to remove our SRO officer, Jose Garcia, from the high school due to a recent retirement and injury on the Broadview Heights City police force. Jose will be with us through September 21st, when at that time, he will be returning to being a full time officer for the city. We will utilize this time to create an alternative plan to allow for the successful continuation of our DARE program as well as maintaining first responder coverage at our buildings. We will miss Jose and the compassion and love he brought to all of our students through his presence at the high school and through the teaching of our DARE program. We certainly hope to see you back in our buildings soon.

Finally, newcomers to the BBHCSD were officially welcomed to the District with our annual "New Bee" sign placement which took place earlier this week courtesy of our bus drivers preparing on this year's routes. If you are, or know someone, who is a new student in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools and did not receive a sign, please feel free to contact us at 440-740-4011 to request one.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Thank you for your continued support!
GO BEES!

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