

Brunswick City School District

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Dear Families,

Last Thursday at our Virtual Town Hall meeting, I stated that we wanted to make a decision soon regarding how the 2020-2021 school year would begin. Over the past few months, we have monitored health trends, met with a variety of stakeholders, and closely collaborated with the Medina County Board of Health to determine the best, and most importantly, the safest option for opening the school year in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. I wanted to reach out to you today and inform you that the Brunswick City School District will begin the 2020-2021 school year completely online. Below you will find important information as to how we will move forward.

Online learning

During the Virtual Town Hall meeting, an online schedule was presented that we will be implementing with our students. We are committed to ensuring our students receive a rigorous curriculum virtually as though they were in a face-to-face instructional setting. Students and parents will receive information about schedules, teachers, and technology from their buildings closer to the start of school September 14, 2020. Opening of school activities, such as Open House, will be held by each school virtually. Since we are starting entirely online, parents no longer need to choose whether they want to start online or face-to-face. When it is safe to return to a face-to-face environment, we will once again send a survey for you to commit if you want your child to stay online or attend face-to-face.

Extracurricular/Co-curricular Opportunities

Clubs and activities are vitally important to the social and emotional health of our students. In many cases, these activities can continue seamlessly due to our ability to appropriately socially distance and follow all protocols. High School Marching Band will continue to practice and rehearse while following strict safety guidelines as they have for the past several weeks. Our school district offers students many extra/co-curricular opportunities for students across all grade bands. Our plan is to continue to offer as many of those opportunities as possible, whether in-person or online. Now more than ever, it is critical that students take part in these opportunities.

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Athletics

At this time, all Fall athletic teams will continue to practice and compete under the guidelines of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. As with extracurricular/co-curricular activities, these activities can continue seamlessly due to our ability to appropriately socially distance and follow strict safety protocols.

Engagement Teams

To maximize learning we are creating engagement teams at each building. These teams will reach out to students/families who may be struggling with participation in virtual learning activities. These teams will consist of building-level administrators and district staff.

In closing, I am well aware that these decisions will not make everyone happy. I have talked with many parents and staff who want our students to return to face-to-face instruction. At the same time, I have had numerous conversations with parents and staff who want a completely online environment. This is not an easy decision but I believe it is the right decision. Although many may disagree with this decision, one thing we can agree with is our commitment to our students. All of us, parents, guardians, staff, must work together to make this a positive and meaningful experience for our students. I am confident we will do that because collaboration is what we do in Brunswick...it is who we are.

Should you have questions related to this announcement, please respond to this [email](mailto:bcsdcentraloffice@bcsdoh.org) (bcsdcentraloffice@bcsdoh.org). My plan is to maintain consistent communication with you. We are identifying October 12, 2020, as the target date for a return to face-to-face instruction. As we get closer to that date, we will once again determine the safest course of action for our students and staff. Should we determine that online instruction will need to continue, we will establish a new target date and we will repeat this process.

Respectfully,
Michael Mayell