



BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of BCCS Students,

This update provides information pertaining to the opening of school for the 2020-21 school year. In particular I am sharing the recent survey responses from our BCCS members and also from Kent ISD. This information will be used as a reference point for decisions where and when needed. I am also sharing the [MI Safe Schools Roadmap](#) release by the Governor yesterday. This information provides school communities with the guidance and requirements for returning to school in the fall.

BCCS had 115 participants complete the [School Re-Entry Survey](#). That represents around 75% of families participating. I am truly grateful for the response to our call for your feedback. This is the best survey response I have seen in my time at BCCS. A few responses worth noting include:

- Unsurprisingly, most people agree face to face learning is best delivery model
- Majority of families prefer a hybrid of face to face and home during the week.
- Over 80% of parents identified Pre-recorded videos on what students are to work on each week as best support to parents and caregivers
- Approximately 22% rated childcare as an issue if needed to have remote learning
- Majority of families rated their students' engagement during the distance learning as somewhat engaged or somewhat disengaged
- Only 11% of participants rated their child's instruction as poor or very poor during the school closure.
- Majority of participants identified flexibility around scheduling as most beneficial for the students' learning during the closure
- Majority of participants identified lack of interaction and isolation from peers as the greatest obstacle to learning during school closure, and the best area to improve remote learning plans
- Approximately 9 of 10 participants report students have access to internet

The [Kent ISD ReEntry Plan and Survey Results](#) information represents the responses from over 30,000 participants in Kent County. Based upon the feedback from the surveys and work with local agencies the KISD Superintendent Association put together a School ReEntry Plan. The plan identifies the county-wide focus areas for the start of the 2020-21 school-year.

Later this week I will send out a reminder about the BCCS Staff and Family Enrollment Initiative along with our updated points of pride. As noted in an previous update, we were not able to hold our annual open house and kindergarten round-up and there are several openings we'd like to fill. Word of mouth is our best avenue for bringing in new families who are a good fit with our school's culture. Your consideration is appreciated.

Finally, more information will be forthcoming in early August regarding the start of the year. Now that we have the guidance from the State of Michigan, we will finalize and communicate our plans at that time.

With Care,

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