August 31, 2022

To the Byram Hills School Community,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope that this past summer was one of the best you have had in years.

The faculty, staff, and administration at Byram Hills have been preparing for the return of students and we look forward to hearing their voices in our hallways and seeing their faces in our classrooms. From my office windows I am already witness to the positive energy on our sports fields. This is the Byram way. Go Bobcats!

Classes will begin on September 6, 2022. By now, you should have received a copy of the school calendar in the mail. The calendar is also available on our website and includes important information for upcoming Back-to-School Nights, Principal Coffees, and other building and school-wide events.

On the District website, parents can also review the updated Guidance from NYSED and NYSDOH regarding COVID-19 protocols in schools. I encourage you to look at the letter titled, What Parents/Caregivers Should know about COVID Mitigation Strategies for the 2022-2023 School Year. If your child is symptomatic or sick, the school nurse will share all COVID protocols with you at that time.

The NYSED guidance document was recently issued and supports a full return to in-person instruction. Students who are absent from school for COVID-19 or other health related illnesses may access asynchronous lessons and assignments in Google Classroom. The classroom teacher will provide access to Google Classroom to parents (K-5) and students (6-12). Students may reach out to their teachers at the secondary level on their return to school if they need additional support.

The District will provide a fully remote option for this upcoming school year to any student who is unable to attend school due to a diagnosed health condition. Please contact Dr. Tim Kaltenecker at TKaltenecker@Byramhills.org for more information about whether or not your child meets the qualifications for a year-long remote option through an outside agency.

I look forward to sending you the traditional Welcome Back video highlighting your children on the first day of school. Until then, please take a moment to review the attached short videos introducing Byram Hills administrators who are new to their positions. We are so fortunate that four of our six new administrators already have vested careers in Byram Hills, and that our two high school assistant principals are the perfect complement to our team.

Enjoy the rest of these summer days. I look forward to hearing our busses rolling in next Tuesday!

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools