



# BYRAM HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To the Byram Hills School Community,

I write to you today to provide a timeline for when to expect updates from the District regarding our Return-to-School plans. As you know from the video I sent on June 26th, the District has been working on 4 different plans:

- 1) All students in session, socially distanced as much as possible and with PPE when social distancing is not possible (District preferred option)
- 2) A percentage of students in school at a time (not preferred)
- 3) Elementary students in session and secondary students e-learning (not preferred)
- 4) All students e-learning (if mandated to do so)

Preparing the four plans has been necessary as New York Public Schools have been without guidance on the re-opening of schools thus far. As we wait for guidance from NYS, we have been studying the plans of NJ, CT, MA, MD, and international schools as we continue to formulate our own return-to-school scenarios.

### NYS Guidance

This week we expect to hear from Governor Cuomo about New York's Return-to-School Guidance. We also expect to receive guidance from the New York State Education Department soon after that, as NYSED is presenting feedback to the Board of Regents this week.

I will forward any guidance documents we receive from the Governor and NYSED to our community when I receive them.

### Upcoming Meetings

Remember that building principals will invite **Faculty/Staff** to optional meetings on July 29th and August 19th and **Parents/Guardians** will be invited to Principal's Coffees on July 30th and August 20th.

Our Task Forces, Committees, Subcommittees, and District-wide Community Stakeholder Group are reviewing proposed school schedules this week for feedback. Our community medical professionals (Dr. Louis Corsaro, Dr. Frank Contacessa, Dr. Melissa Price, Dr. Lori Dyer, Dr. Richard Stumacher) and consultant Dr Thomas Murray (Yale/New Haven Children's Hospital Associate Medical Director for Disease Prevention and Pediatric Infectious Disease) have been graciously reviewing our Return-to-Offices and Return-to-Extended School Year (summer school program) documents and will review all plans for return-to-school to help keep our community safe.

Byram Hills is grateful to all who are contributing in and outside of our school community.

I hope that everyone in our school community - faculty, staff, administrators, students and their families - are enjoying the days of summer.

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools