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June 25, 2020

Dear Blue Ridge Staff and Community,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Two days ago, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools on the 2020-21 school year.

This 60-page document has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what the 2020-21 school year will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing masks, social distancing and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process. You can access the document at: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Part-3-Transition-Planning-Phase-4.pdf>

Right now, we don't have all the answers to those questions as this document was released to school districts at the same time it was released to the public. Therefore, we kindly ask for your patience as our staff thoroughly reviews this detailed guidance and implements the suggestions into our district's own transition plan.

We are keenly aware of the urgent need to communicate to families about what to expect next school year. Our District Re-Opening Committee has recently met and we would like to share the progress of our planning with you in the following ways:

- 1) We will have a Community Re-Opening Meeting in the Schneider Cafeteria on June 30 at 6 p.m. The meeting capacity is 50 people, so we ask you to limit your family's in-person attendance to one person. We also ask that all in-person attendees wear a face covering while in the school building. Registration for the in-person session is required and will open at 10:00 a.m. on 6/25/2020 through this link:

[https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event\\_page.aspx?ek=0051-0021-72EE67145ACC456F818E686C3DF3281C](https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0051-0021-72EE67145ACC456F818E686C3DF3281C)

- 2) For anyone unable to attend in person, you are encouraged to watch the live broadcast of the meeting at [twitch.tv/blueridgecUSD](https://www.twitch.tv/blueridgecUSD). Tune in on June 30 at 6 p.m.
- 3) If you have a question or comment regarding the re-opening of school after the June 30 meeting, please communicate with me using this email address:

Mr. John Lawrence, BRHS Principal

Mrs. Katie Nichols, BRIJHS Principal

Mr. Ryan Peyton, Ruth M. Schneider Elementary Principal





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[reopening@blueridge18.org](mailto:reopening@blueridge18.org), which will be activated at the close of the broadcast on June 30.

I encourage you to view the linked powerpoint so you can familiarize yourself with our planning process as of today. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14sABEX5S-0N4RYTuU-lh7UIhz1EUIhaO/view?usp=sharing>

We also ask that you take the following 5-question survey to assist us in our planning process. You may take the survey multiple times if you have multiple students in your home. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J6B7GVK>

As a district, we remain confident that we can put forth a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our students while maintaining a dynamic learning environment.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as our entire district navigates a situation that none of us could have imagined. We will continue to communicate with you as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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