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Superintendent's Message: August 26, 2020

On Monday evening, August 24th the NB Board of Education approved revision to the 2020-2021 school calendar. These calendar changes will provide the additional time necessary to better support the safe and successful return to school for our faculty and our students. Certainly, this September, our return to school will be like no other.

At this time, the critical areas of concern include staffing, facilities preparedness, and PPE supplies for our faculty and support staff. To address these areas, the 2020-2021 school calendar is being revised to reflect the following:

- Our teachers will return to campus the week of September 8th for four days of preparation and readiness. This includes moving into many newly constructed classroom spaces in the High School.
- Our students will begin their school year on Monday September 14th in a 100% remote model. Students will be 100% remote for the first two weeks of the school year, that is the weeks of September 14th and September 21st.
- On September 21st I will report to the Board of Education the progress being made and as to our ability to open for in-person instruction on Monday September 28th.
- The plan is to start in-person hybrid instruction the week of September 28th.
- If all is going as planned, we will have two weeks of in-person instruction at 25% student capacity (Week of September 28th and October 5th)
- The week of October 13th we begin at 50% student capacity and we'll stay in that model until further notice.
- We continue to follow NJSIAA guidelines regarding sports and activities. I am pleased to report that all is going well with these programs. We will be following the NJSIAA 'black-out' period and there will be no activities the weeks of August 31st and September 7th. We are prepared to start back with our athletics and activities on September 14th.

The building principals will be in touch with the parents and students to share revised calendars and more specific information to our families. Dr. Uszaki, athletic director, will continue to keep all advised as to the schedules and plans for athletic and after school activities.

The Board of Education and I would like to thank all members of the NB Community for their patience and understanding during these challenging times. We'd also like to recognize and thank the administration, faculty and support staff, for all they have been doing to prepare for the upcoming school year. We thank all of the parents who have been working alongside the faculty and administrators to

develop our strategic plan for a safe and successful school year. As we redefine how instruction is delivered in the region, the support and patience of parents and students are greatly appreciated. This has been a 24/7 effort. This is not easy. There is still much to be done.

Sincerely,

James Sarruda Ed.D.
Superintendent