Re-entry Overview for 2020-2021 School Year

The Baldwinsville Central School District has spent the past several weeks planning for the return of students to our schools for the 2020-2021 academic school year. After receiving guidance from the New York State Governor’s Office, the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Onondaga County Health Department, we worked with stakeholders to create plans to address student learning needs and the many obstacles or challenges associated to childcare, nutrition, health and safety, transportation, as well as the social emotional well being of students.

As we await New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo’s August 2020 announcement that schools will be permitted to reopen for in-person instruction, the following commitments represent an outline of our student and staff return if we are permitted to open schools for in-person learning / instruction.

DISTRICT COMMITMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS OF PLAN

Students will be given the option to return to school in a **Hybrid** (in-person and remote) or a **100% Remote** (virtual) learning environment. **Selections will remain in place for a marking period at a minimum.** As circumstances change, the District will make adjustments and communicate options to students and families.

Beginning Friday, July 31, 2020 through Friday, August 7, 2020, parents are asked to log into their SchoolTool Parent Portal accounts to make selections of their preferred learning environment for each student. Students’ schedules will be released no later than Friday, August 28, 2020 in the SchoolTool Portal.

Students labeled as having a disability, physical or mental impairment, English Language Learners (ELL), Homeless / Unaccompanied Youth, and/or primary age students (K-2) may be offered an option to attend in-person five (5) days a week as space, safety regulations, and learning outcomes necessitate.

Daily attendance will be recorded / taken, including on all Remote (virtual) learning days associated with the Hybrid model, and for students and families selecting 100% Remote (virtual) learning.

100% REMOTE (VIRTUAL) LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Students will be provided daily instruction with a staff member and be engaged in synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

- Common online platforms have been adopted. Through these online platforms students will have regular interaction with instructional staff.

- Arrangements are being prepared for remote (virtual) opportunities for music and physical education courses / classes.
HYBRID (IN-PERSON & REMOTE) LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- All students selecting our **Hybrid** (in-person and remote) schooling option will be assigned to a **Cohort**: Cohort “**the Buzz**” or Cohort “**the Hive**”. Students and families will know by Friday, August 21, 2020 which cohort their child/children will be in.

- **Cohorts** will be designed by **Neighborhood / Bus Routes** so that families / siblings will follow the same Hybrid schedule of 3 days in-person followed by 3 days remote instruction.

- The “**Buzz**” cohort will attend school in a school building beginning with the 1st three (3) days of school (Wednesday, September 9, 2020), followed by three (3) days of remote (virtual) learning at home. The **three (3) days in-person** and **three (3) days remote sequence / pattern** will continue for the entire academic year or until circumstances change and the District is permitted to accommodate all students within our school buildings based on health and safety guidelines.

- The “**Hive**” cohort will attend school in a school building beginning with the 2nd set of three (3) days of school (Monday, September 14, 2020), followed by three (3) days of remote (virtual) learning at home. The **three (3) days in-person** and **three (3) days remote sequence / pattern** will continue for the entire academic year or until circumstances change and the District is permitted to accommodate all students within our school buildings based on health and safety guidelines.

- During remote instruction in the Hybrid model, students will have contact with an instructional staff member 1-2 times minimally per 3 day cycle.

### Anticipated Schedule for September 2020

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- **In-Person Instruction (in school building)**
- **Remote Instruction (at home)**
- **H** Designated Employee Holidays - All Buildings Closed
- **C** Superintendent's Conference Day
- **"** 1st Day of School for Students
- **No School for Students**

### HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING

- **Social distancing** of a minimum of **6 feet must be practiced when on school grounds and on school transportation** (i.e., buses or suburbans).

- **Face coverings** are **required** to be worn by all staff and students **at all times** -- supervised breaks will be incorporated throughout the day. There may be a few exceptions to this practice due to physical and medical conditions of students and/or staff members.
A temperature check and screening questionnaire / survey must be completed daily by parents for each student. The questionnaire / survey form must be sent to school with students each morning during in-person instruction.

No in-person music ensembles, singing or playing instruments, or participating in aerobic activities due to the required 12 feet of social distancing between participants -- Arrangements are being prepared for remote (virtual) opportunities for music and physical education courses / classes, which is subject to change per NYSDOH guidelines and a school’s ability to accommodate social distancing of students.

No visitors and no volunteers will be allowed to participate or enter the school buildings. As circumstances change, the District will make adjustments and communicate to our families.

Movement throughout the buildings will be minimized and staggered.

A minimum of a 24 hour closure / shutdown to Remote (virtual) learning will be implemented for any confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis of students or staff within a Cohort of the impacted school(s). The District will be working closely with the Onondaga County Health Department to determine additional steps and closure / shutdown days to Remote (virtual) learning.

TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERATIONS FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING

Families are strongly encouraged to provide their own transportation of students (to and from school) to reduce bus density and assist with staggering entry of students into the school building.

Elementary School (Tentative) Times
- Parent Drop-off of Students - 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.
- Bus Drop-off of Students - 8:15 to 8:35 a.m.
- Instruction Begins - 8:45 a.m.
- Instruction Ends - 2:45 p.m.
- Parent Pick-up of Students - 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.
- Bus Pickup of students - 3:15 to 3:30 p.m.

Middle School (Tentative) Times
- Parent Drop-off of Students - 6:45 to 7:10 a.m.
- Bus Drop-off of Students - 7:00 to 7:25 a.m.
- Instruction Begins - 7:15 a.m. (% Buzz / Hive Cohorts) 7:33 a.m. (% Buzz / Hive Cohorts)
- Instruction Ends - 2:03 p.m. (% Buzz / Hive Cohorts) 2:23 p.m. (% Buzz / Hive Cohorts)
- Parent Pick-up of Students - 2:03 p.m. (% Buzz / Hive Cohorts) 2:23 p.m. (% Buzz / Hive Cohorts)
- Bus Pick-up of Students - 2:03 p.m. (% Buzz / Hive Cohorts) 2:23 p.m. (% Buzz / Hive Cohorts)

Jr. High School (Tentative) Times
- Parent Drop-off of Students - 7:00 to 7:20 a.m.
- Bus Drop-off of Students - 7:10 to 7:30 a.m.
- Instruction Begins - 7:40 a.m.
- Instruction Ends - 1:48 p.m.
- Parent Pick-up of Students - 2:00 p.m.
- Bus Pick-up of Students 1:48 p.m.

High School (Tentative) Times
- Parent Drop-off of Students / Student Driver Arrival - 7:00 to 7:20 a.m.
- Bus Drop-off of Students - 7:10 to 7:30 a.m.
- Instruction Begins - 7:35 a.m.
- Instruction Ends - 1:10 p.m.
- Parent Pick-up of Students / Walker and Driver Dismissal - 1:10 p.m.
- Bus Pick-up of Students - 1:30 p.m.