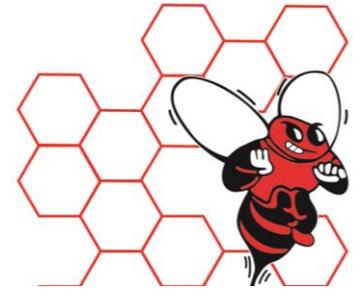


August 4, 2020 Webinar: Transportation & Food Services Q&A Follow-up



Questions Asked	District Response / Answer
Arrival / Dismissal Procedures	
Please walk me through how I would pick up my 3 children at the end of the day at Baker, Durgee and Ray.	Each school will have different drop off and pick up times. These times are out as a draft as of 8/5/20. You can call each building to get the specifics. For example, Baker and Durgee may be dismissed at 1 or 1:30 PM -- Finalized schedules will be sent from buildings.
If 48% are driving students to school, how will the increased traffic to drop off and pick up be handled? Will students be assigned a drop off/pick up time to help better control traffic flow?	Specific traffic patterns will be different at each school. We have extended times in the AM and PM to provide time for families before or after school. This will also keep the buses somewhat separate from the cars.
Are there more details available on the staggered drop off for parents self-transporting their kids?	The best answer at this point is to contact each school office.
Are kids that are being dropped off being dropped off early to school? If so, what will they do until school begins?	There are schedules being generated that will provide supervision to those students who are dropped off early. This is not daycare as the students will sit in a space awaiting school to start. There will be no services available except students may take this time to eat breakfast from the school's cafeteria.

<p>Will the drop off times at schools change in the future? earlier or later or is it set in stone?</p>	<p>There is a draft schedule as of 8/5/20. However this is subject to change as the Governor decides what we can do. We also may see changes as we get into the school year given what our experiences are at each building.</p>
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BOCES

<p>In regards to BOCES, how will the transportation work?</p>	<p>We will have transportation to and from BOCES programs. Some students will take classes at Baker or Durgee and then go to BOCES or vice versa.</p>
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<p>What about bussing to and from BOCES?</p>	<p>We urge all families to use the SchoolTool Questionnaire and make these selections for each student. We will have transportation for BOCES CTE students. Please contact your student’s guidance office to review this further.</p>
<p>My child does CTE at BOCES. Without any information about how this will be coordinated with our district, it is IMPOSSIBLE to make this decision. Can someone please address this?</p>	

Bus Stops

<p>Our normal school bus stop has many kids that wait at the same time. Will the number of bus stops be increased so fewer students are waiting at each stop in order to maintain proper social distancing?</p>	<p>No, the number of bus stops will not be increased.</p> <p>We are limited to 22 students on a bus plus related children from the same household can sit together. This may bring a particular bus load to over 22 students. A “normal” elementary school bus load can be 65/66 students. A “normal” secondary school bus load is 65/66.. Given this Covid situation we are planning on families moving up to 50% of the student population on any particular day. This will allow our transportation department to move fewer students and still get to schools on time.</p>
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Cohorts	
<p>I understand sorting all of the questionnaire responses must be a nightmare; but in terms of sorting out childcare for k-2 students, would it be possible to notify us before aug 21st simply “they will go 5 days a week” or “they will be 3/3” ?</p> <p>No other info on cohort or teacher is needed prior to the 21st, but that tiny bit of info would be insanely helpful to a lot of people.</p>	<p>The principals and transportation staff are working hard to answer these questions. A lot depends upon the family responses in SchoolTool. Until the District has this information it will be difficult to finalize things. The family responses are due by Friday, August 7th in SchoolTool.</p>
<p>Will elementary students be re-routed to the closest school building? ie. Radisson students going to McNamara, the farthest building from that neighborhood?</p>	<p>The District will maintain the current elementary school attendance zones. There is no plan to redistrict at this time.</p>
Communication	
<p>If we have additional questions before we decide on remote or hybrid, who do we call to discuss?</p>	<p>Please call the principal of your student’s school.</p>
Face coverings	
<p>Are students allowed to take their face covering off after they are seated in their seats on the bus? And then put back on when they stand up to unload the bus?</p>	<p>They will have to wear the face covering the whole time they are on the bus.</p>
<p>What about kids with disabilities wearing  that have a hard time keeping them on?</p>	<p>On special ed buses the staff on these buses will know who is able to wear a mask and who isn’t. Staff will be wearing face shields as well as their face coverings.</p>

<p>What happens if a child refuses to wear a mask on the bus or takes the mask off in route?</p>	<p>This is unacceptable and will be treated like any other discipline issue.</p>
<p>Health Checks</p>	
<p>Are temperature checks required before children are allowed on the school bus?</p>	<p>Yes, by the parents. And the form that attests they student is symptom free will have to be in the student's hands when they board the bus.</p>
<p>Is the form being turned in each day?</p>	<p>Yes, the form will be collected prior to entry into each building.</p>
<p>So if a child doesn't have the health check form will they still be allowed on the bus with other children?</p>	<p>Yes, and they will be wearing a face covering. When they get to school they will be separated and temperature checked by a staff member. Those parents will also be called.</p>
<p>Why are they not doing temperature checks at the school before entering for everyone? Anyone can put a normal temperature reading on the form.</p>	<p>The District has 5,500 students. Temperature testing every student before entering school would be a daunting process. It would be very difficult to do this and would serve to limit the actual school day for students. The guidance we are getting from NYS is to have families screen their children.</p>
<p>Will we need to print this form everyday? Is there an app we can fill out or will the school give us this form?</p>	<p>There will be an initial supply sent to every family in a mailing. When the students are in school the first day more pads of these forms will be given to be brought home "back pack express".</p>
<p>How are the forms going to be given to us? Is it an online form? We do not have a printer. Will you be sending them to us?</p>	
<p>Will you be giving parents copies of this form or is it our responsibility to print them?</p>	

<p>Are the health screening forms going to be provided by the district?</p>	
<p>How will I get the screener form?????</p>	
<p>Will families need to print the form or will they be provided like bus passes?</p>	
<p>Will blank health questionnaires be sent home (like the pad for absentee/early dismissal/late arrival) or will we need to print them ourselves?</p>	
<p>Will they be filling form out on Schooltool each day?</p>	
<p>How do you know parents won't fib a bit on the form with the temp??</p>	<p>Yes, we are working on the honor system. If a student is sent to school with symptoms that is why it is especially important to wear the face covering. Staff will be looking for symptoms of illness.</p>
<p>If my son has a chronic cough, do I need to send a letter from his doctor with his screening?</p>	<p>Please contact the school principal to talk this over with them. They will probably involve their school nurse.</p>
<p>Sorry if i missed it, but it sounded like the form was for everyone but self transport, is their process different?</p>	<p>All students will have to bring that form to school whether they are coming to school in a bus or self transporting.</p>
<p>Is there a way the daily health screening could be electronic? With a bar code scanner perhaps?</p>	<p>The District is looking at this technology but at present (8/5/20) there is no reliable, cost effective and available. We are working with our various vendors on a possible technological solution.</p>

Why is the screener form question not being answered?	Specifics regarding the screening questions were answered as part of the Health and Safety Webinar.
How will you handle the gathering/line of students that forget to bring their temperature check form? What if there are 50 students/day that arrive at the same time and need to have a temperature check?	We will have staff with digital thermometers at each building. When a student shows up without the form they will be directed to this staff member.
If a student's temperature is elevated after they get off the bus, will the whole bus be sent back, just siblings, or just the student?	No, the student will be isolated from other students at the school. The parents will be contacted. Unless there is a definitive diagnosis of Covid19 - school will go on. This shows the importance of everyone wearing face coverings.
Before covid some parents would send sick students to school. How do you rely on the form if the parents are filling it out?	We are operating on the honor system and would assume that given the pandemic environment we are all working in people will be honest. If they are not then we will have to deal with that as well.
If a child gets sick during the day at school and took the bus to school; will the entire bus be notified?	Unless there is a definitive diagnosis of Covid no one will be notified. Children must wear their face coverings.
Will students have Temp checks upon boarding the bus?	No temperature checklist will be done by the parents and a form filled out and given to the student to take to school every day.
Lunches	
Will milk be available, possibly delivered to classrooms?	Milk will be available. Classrooms that are dining at their desk may have the availability to order it along with the full meals.
Will remaining balances on account be refunded?	Balances can be transferred to siblings, carried over to the following year or a refund can be requested via email: bwright@bville.org

Where are elementary children eating their lunch?	It will vary by building. Classrooms, cafeterias and gyms are all under consideration.
Where will the children be eating?	
Will Baker students have a lunch break due to the early 1:10 pm end to the school day?	The master schedule is still being designed but we will likely have an abbreviated lunch period.
My son is on a very strict gluten free, dairy free diet. We will be bringing his food every day, will there be someone available to heat up his food for lunch? preferably in a pan on a stove, not a microwave? this was in the works pre covid-19 at Palmer	We can work with the staff at Palmer to find a solution.
Positive Case Protocols	
Contact tracing wise after hearing Julie mention something along this line - if there is a positive case in a classroom, If a child remains 6' away and has a mask on at all times, does that eliminate the need to make the entire classroom isolate?	The district will be following guidance and direction from the Onondaga County Health Department. As it stands currently, confirmed cases of COVID-19 will require quarantine and/or isolation as prescribed by the Onondaga County Health Department only.
Prevention Protocols	
Will there be hand sanitizer on each bus and will students be required to use it while getting on the bus?	Hand sanitizer is not allowed on the bus due to NYS regulations. It is a flammable substance.
how will all kids wash their hands before lunch with soap and water? In the bathroom? Last year my son said they did not wash before lunch.	Each school may be different. There will be hand sanitizer stations in the schools. All of the bathrooms will be available. Many of the elementary classrooms have sinks.

<p>How are teachers/ staff members going to have time to do all this cleaning..ex after lunch in the classroom?</p>	<p>The District is working with our bargaining units to provide our staff with the flexibility to do sanitation during the day. IN addition to teachers there are also TAs and custodians in our buildings.</p>
<p>Social Distancing</p>	
<p>When are specific plans going to be shared on how the social distancing in the KDG class will apply? How will this work?</p>	<p>At the elementary schools we are looking at a model in each school where the students will sit at their own desks every day. We are looking at clear barriers to be used to separate students from one another when using a kidney shaped or round table. .</p>
<p>With students changing classrooms, will desks be cleaned between each different student?</p>	<p>The District is working with our bargaining units to provide our staff with the flexibility to do sanitation during the day. In addition to teachers, there are also TAs and custodians in our buildings.</p>
<p>Can 22 students share a bus, while maintaining a social distance of 6 feet?</p>	<p>Our buses have very tall seat backs. This acts as a barrier and allows us to place one student wearing a face covering in each seat.</p>
<p>Will there be monitors on the bus to make sure children are social distancing on the bus?</p>	<p>There will not be monitors on a “regular” bus run. The distance requirements will be enforced by the drivers.</p>
<p>But, these students take up space. If there are 4 from one family, they’re not taking up the same seat. Has this math been proven out?</p>	<p>If there are four related elementary school students they will sit in two seats side by side. The school principals are building the student cohorts based on our student listings. We are trying to have students from a household be included in the same cohort.</p>
<p>Symptoms</p>	
<p>With so many symptoms of COVID overlapping our typical childhood illnesses are we going to presume that all symptoms are COVID?</p>	<p>Please see responses to questions related to symptoms of COVID-19</p>

<p>So if a student has only 1 symptom, then he has to stay home? That's the same for staff?</p>	<p>in the Health & Safety Webinar Q&A.</p>
<p>So, a child with an asthma history that has a chronic winter cough will not be allowed in school?</p>	
<p>If a student has symptoms, will they be doing remote learning at day?</p>	
<p>If children get sent home or need to stay home, will they then have access immediately to remote learning for those days even if they are in the hybrid group?</p>	
<p>COVID-19 Testing</p>	
<p>According to our Governor, testing is supposed to be a part of our back-to-school plan. I did not notice this at all in B'ville's plan?</p>	<p>The District is awaiting further guidance from the Governor's Office, the NYSDOH and the NYS Education Department regarding COVID-19 Testing. Current guidance has conflicting messages regarding testing. At the time of this publication the district does not plan to test students or staff. Any direction to do so would come from governing entities.</p>
<p>Given many youth that contract COVID-19 are asymptomatic, will the school be testing teachers and students regularly?</p>	
<p>County Executive McMahon said in his briefing yesterday that he reached out to all the districts regarding COVID testing of staff and students prior to school starting. He listed quite a few, however B'ville was not one of the districts that responded back. Will B'ville be participating in this testing prior to open, and throughout the year to help with identifying asymptomatic infections, and helping to prevent major outbreaks?</p>	
<p>Transportation</p>	

<p>Is it possible to drive one way and have the bus the other?</p>	<p>Yes, please make that choice on the SchoolTool Questionnaire you fill out for each of your children.</p>
<p>I plan to transport my child each day but I will need my employer to approve my flexible work arrangement. If I find I need transport home part way into the year, can I make that change?</p>	<p>We are hopeful that we can do that but there may be a delay of a few days to set it up.</p>
<p>If a transportation form was submitted last spring to be effective fall of 2020 for a sitter (YMCA) and is no longer needed should a new transportation form be completed to indicate pick up and drop off to HOME?</p>	<p>All students revert back to home for pick up and drop off every academic year. If you submit a form requesting transportation to be changed to a daycare/sitter for a new academic year and you want them put back to home, yes, you do need to submit another form to have the stop changed back to home.</p>
<p>Where do we find the transportation form for 2020?</p>	<p>All the transportation forms are here: https://www.bville.org/teacherpage.cfm?teacher=954</p> <p>If you have an issue that is not related to any of these forms please contact Dispatch at 315-638-6097.</p>
<p>I am wondering is there a form we fill out so that transportation knows that we will not need a bus or how best is to let them know</p>	<p>You should use the SchoolTool questionnaire for each of your students to make your transportation choices.</p>
<p>If we choose to transport our children, will we have the opportunity to change that choice as the year goes on?</p>	<p>We are hopeful that we can do that but there may be a delay of a few days to set it up.</p>
<p>Will there still be special needs bussing, or would 2 students in the same household (1 is special needs, 1 is not) ride the same bus (to Baker)?</p>	<p>No. Special needs students will ride on a special needs route and the sibling(s) who are not special needs will ride on a regular route.</p>
<p>If our kids were dropped off at the sitter last year, but now we want them to be dropped off at home, do we still have to fill out a</p>	<p>All students revert back to home for pick up and drop off every academic year. If you submit a form requesting transportation to</p>

<p>transportation form or it is not necessary?</p>	<p>be changed to a daycare/sitter for a new academic year and you want them put back to home, yes, you do need to submit another form to have the stop changed back to home.</p>
<p>Ventilation</p>	
<p>Will all air filtration systems on buses be new/replaced?</p>	<p>Buses do not have air filtration systems as a traditional building would have. Air filters are replaced on a routine basis; however those filters have no impact on occupants air quality. To facilitate fresh air on school buses, open window techniques will be implemented and utilized.</p>
<p>YMCA</p>	
<p>My son goes to the Elden ymca before and after school program, so hasn't needed bussing. Will those programs still be running at Elden? If not, then I will need bussing. It's hard to make the "not need bussing" commitment without knowing about the ymca program.</p>	<p>The District is working with the YMCA to determine space needs and other details about the Y using our elementary buildings. Each building principal is working on this as of 8/5/20.</p>