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Dear Bentley Families,

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails. –William Arthur Ward

The winds continue to blow and in response, we are adjusting our sails. Specifically, we have shifted the start of the school year to Tuesday, September 8th – still completely remote – and we have chosen Monday, August 31st as the day to pick up devices. This change in start date coincides with many other Genesee County districts as all of us are working to accommodate the same or similar educational and technological issues.

Each school's administrators and staff are working to communicate with each family regarding your preferred learning option. The hope and expectation is that we will be offering a choice to return to a hybrid learning format and when that happens, our students need to be scheduled correctly from the beginning so that we can make that shift smoothly. We are continually evaluating when such a return to a hybrid choice would be most beneficial and minimally risky.

We committed to start the school year with remote learning only and continue through Friday, September 18th knowing that the remote-only approach *could be extended*. Thus, it is possible that we will still only offer remote learning on September 21st **or** we may decide that we can return to our original goal of providing both remote-only and a hybrid option. This is where the continual evaluation comes into play.

Food Distribution:

Our food services department will be preparing breakfasts and lunches for students again, which families can pick up (we are ***not*** delivering at this point). Because our food deliveries occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the meals will be prepared for pick-up on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Bentley High School.

Timeline:

Monday, August 31: Drive-through open house: outdoor device and book pick-up, meet your teachers

- Barhitte Elementary School 11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Bentley Middle & High Schools 12:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- If you require accommodations with this schedule, please call your building schedule to schedule a different day/time

Tuesday, September 8: Official start of the school year.

- Barhitte Elementary School 8:25 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Bentley Middle & High Schools 7:45 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.


Schedules and expectations will be available at the open house on August 31st.

Wednesday, September 9: First day for food pick-up

- Bentley High School 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We will continue to send information as appropriate. Even though the journey is windy and wavy, it need not be bad. I dare say it can be both adventurous and wonderful! For certain, it will be what we choose to make it. So, we'll adjust the sails as necessary and move forward.

I wish you well,



Dr. Kristy Spann

Superintendent