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Greetings Bentley Families,

After considering local pandemic data (see attached) and the requests of families and staff, I am pleased to share that the Board of Education decided last night to slowly bring students back to campus for face-to-face learning as an option for Bentley families. Elementary students will come Mondays-Thursdays; on Fridays, they will work remotely to get additional work done and check in with their teachers. Secondary students will come to campus two days per week and participate remotely two days per week; on Fridays, they will also work remotely to complete additional assignments and check in with their teachers. We will begin by allowing our youngest students to return on Monday, September 28th and proceeding as follows:

- Monday, September 28th: kindergarten – 1st grades
- Monday, October 5th: 2nd – 3rd grades
- Monday, October 12th: 4th – 5th grades
- Monday, November 9th: 6th-12th grades

The elementary students will have the option of being at school all day (half day with their teacher and half day with their teacher's learning partner), in the morning only, or in the afternoon only. All day will be 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; morning will be 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.; and afternoon will be 11:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. More details will be forthcoming regarding the secondary students.

Transportation

Buses will run as they have in the past; however, the times will change slightly as we progress since we will slowly add additional students to the route each week. If a family selects a half-day elementary option, they will need to provide their own transportation mid-day.

All students who ride the bus must wear a mask the entire time regardless of their age, and upon entering the bus, each student must use hand-sanitizer, which will be provided. Students ***will not*** be socially distanced on the bus. Seats will be assigned and students must sit in their assigned seat only. Busses will be disinfected after each route.

Food Services

- **Students in face-to-face learning** will get their meals at school and on Fridays families can still pick up food for the weekend from the high school (times listed below). If students are attending a half day only, they will eat one meal at school and take the other one home. For morning students, they will eat breakfast at school and take lunch home. For afternoon students, they will eat lunch at school and take the next day's breakfast home.

- **Students in remote learning** will still pick up their food on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Food pick-up will still be from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Classrooms

- Desks will be cleaned before a new group of students arrives and each night after students leave.
- All staff will wear a mask all day. Elementary students are encouraged to wear a mask while at school, although they will not need to have it on when outdoors. They will have to wear a mask in common areas, including when they are on the bus.
- Elementary students will eat their meals in their classrooms.
- Specials teachers, such as art and music, will come to the students' classroom to teach. Physical education will be held outside, weather permitting. So please have your student dress for the weather.

School-wide

- Frequently touched areas will be disinfected every four hours.
- Family members or other guests are not allowed in the school building except under extenuating circumstances.
- Students' desks will be disinfected after every change in class.

I know many of our students and their families are eager for face-to-face learning to resume; we are, too. I also know that this topsy-turvy journey that we all are on this year is frustrating. Please, when something isn't going the way you wish it would, email or call your child's teacher, the principal, or me—we are eager to work *with* you.

With gratitude for your patience,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kristy Spann".

Kristy Spann, Ph.D.