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Hello, InfoTech Families,

I hope this message finds you all safe and well.

The district has made a decision with regard to the manner in which high schools will reopen in the fall. As always, you are welcome to contact me directly should you need more clarity, but I hope this message answers some of the questions you may have at this time.

1. Classes will begin on September 8th, 2020
2. You have the option of sending your child in-person (per the hybrid model below) **OR** having your child engage in academics 100% virtually.
3. Whichever option you choose, all children will be engaged in learning every day, either remotely or in person.
4. Those choosing the in-person model will send their child to school 2 days a week, according to the first initial of your last name. Child with last names beginning with A-L will attend in person classes Monday and Tuesday. Children with last names M-Z will attend in-person classes Thursday and Friday. This is not a choice. **When your child is NOT in school they will still need to attend the virtual classes. Classes will occur every day, Monday through Friday, and will follow the normal bell schedule (see bell schedule below).**
5. Those choosing the virtual model will attend classes virtually. All classes will be livestreamed so that you child can actively learn and be engaged in learning with their peers, remotely. Again, all classes will follow the “normal” bell schedule.



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Whether at home or in-person, your child is expected to attend classes every day, on time and be actively engaged. Teachers will be taking attendance for ALL students in spite of their physical location.

6. SPED, 504, ESL and bilingual students have the **option** of coming to school in person Monday and Tuesday as well as Thursday and Friday.
7. Although students will not be in school, in person, on Wednesdays, all classes will still resume remotely. All students will be **expected** to attend their livestreamed classes from home following the daily class schedule (see below)
8. You will have the option to change your decision regarding “in-person” or “not in-person” should you wish as school progresses. There will be a brief window of time necessary for the school to make the transition from one to the other.
9. All students will receive functional laptops to allow for optimal access to the livestreamed classes. A schedule for laptop pick-up will be sent to families next week.
10. All errors/ issues with student schedules will be rectified when the guidance counselors return to the campus (August 26th, 2020).



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Regular Schedule

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Block 1	7:55	9:15
Block 2	9:20	10:40
Block 3	10:45	12:45
<i>wave A</i>	10:50	11:15
<i>wave B</i>	11:20	11:45
<i>wave C</i>	11:50	12:15
<i>wave D</i>	12:20	12:45
Block 4	12:50	2:10

Please know that campus staff have been working to ensure safety measures are in place and CDC guidelines are adhered to. We understand just how difficult it is to make a decision for what is best for your child. I cannot impress upon you enough that safety is my number one priority and the team is doing their best to ensure the safety of all staff and students as we slowly reopen our schools to our community; without feeling safe in an environment, it is very difficult for learning to occur; the ultimate goal of an education. Within the next week I will be sending out notifications regarding safety measures, processes and protocols for in-person school. Please discuss with your children the



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importance of adherence to all processes and protocols; the safety, academics and social emotional well-being is dependent upon collaboratively respecting the well-being of one another. I am confident in my Knights, they are caring, empathetic and smart and I am looking forward to seeing them soon.

Again, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Message Sent to Families by the Superintendent:

Hello Bridgeport Public Schools,

I am happy to announce our plan to welcome our students back to school buildings in a few weeks. We understand that our high school schedules are more complex, and therefore, pose more planning challenges given the current health and safety mandates. Our reopening task force and high school administrative teams have worked diligently to ensure that our plan prioritizes the health and safety of students and staff while maintaining a high-quality educational program. The Bridgeport Public Schools will reopen high schools in a hybrid model. This will allow for proper social distancing amongst our students as well as provide our facilities' staff adequate time to sanitize our buildings in accordance to our new protocols.

The hybrid schedule will be as follows:

- All students with the last name beginning in the letters A-L will attend Monday and Tuesday
- All students with the last name beginning in the letters M-Z will attend Thursday and Friday
- All students will be on remote learning on Wednesday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Students Last Name A-L in School	Students Last Name A-L in School	All Student Groups Remote Learning with Teachers	Students Last Name M-Z in School	Students Last Name M-Z in School

Hybrid Schedule for students with an IEP

- All students with an IEP may attend all 4 days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ALL Students with IEP	ALL Students with IEP	All Student Groups Remote Learning with Teachers	ALL Students with IEP	ALL Students with IEP

Hybrid Schedule for ESL/Bilingual students

- All students who receive ESL or Bilingual services may attend all 4 days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ALL ESL/Bilingual Students	ALL ESL/Bilingual Students	All Student Groups Remote Learning with Teachers	ALL ESL/Bilingual Students	ALL ESL/Bilingual Students