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Dear Brighton Families,

We want to give you an update on the planning process for fall. Recently, there have been many announcements by different school districts with different scenarios for the upcoming school year. The scenarios are: face-to-face in-person instruction at school, hybrid models of students rotating between on-campus and remote instruction, and a fully online option for students and families that aren't comfortable being on campus. We are considering the same scenarios in order to make the best decision for our families based on health guidelines and parent needs and feedback. We want to keep you informed of where we are at in our reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year. See below for information on the different scenarios for the school year. We will continue to communicate as we have more information.

Parent Survey Results & Feedback

- 60% Strongly Prefer In Person
- 24% Somewhat Prefer In Person
- 6% Strongly Prefer Online Option
- 5% Somewhat Prefer Online Option
- 5% Not Sure

We value your opinion and appreciate the feedback given in the comments.

Priorities for Next Year

Here are some areas that as a school we want to emphasize.

- **Health & Safety:** Read our [summer camp newsletter](#) to learn about what we are currently doing on campus at summer camp and will continue into the school year.

- **Students on Campus:** We want to safely get students on campus as much as possible for those that feel comfortable sending their student to school.
- **Connecting with the Brighton Community:** We've always appreciated the community and connection we have with our families and students. We plan to keep the Brighton community connected and engaged in new ways this year to keep to our core value of community.
- **Streamlined Schedules:** As much as possible we want to create schedules that work on campus and off to help parents and students have consistency in routine and expectations.
- **Social Emotional Well Being:** Whether on-campus or off-campus this is a high stress time for our students (parents too) and we want to recognize and support our students.
- **Increased Investment in Digital Tools:** We have added and invested in digital tools to continue to provide access to learning tools that will help your student succeed.
- **Professional Development:** We've increased our professional development days and trainings before school starts to prepare for the school year ahead.
- **1:1 iPads for K-8th:** We are moving to a 1:1 iPad school for all students in grades K-8 so that every elementary through middle school student has school issued technology.
- **Recognizing Student Achievement:** We want to highlight and acknowledge the amazing success of our students both academically and socially.
- **Screen Time Balance:** With the necessary need for increased technology use in the classroom and at home we understand that there are well researched impacts of screen time for students. We are taking into account the amount of time on devices based on age and balancing school work

between digital and analogue. We also want to encourage students to be physically active as part of their overall health and well being.

- **Tadpole System:** Tadpoles is a system that we've used in ECE and before/after care for checking students in and out of school to ensure parents that students are always accounted for. We will be implementing it school wide for the drop off and pick up of students.

In-Person Instruction

- This is our preferred option and currently proven to be the best way for students to learn academically and socially. This is overwhelmingly what parents want based on the survey results. We are working towards safely doing this with the understanding that we might have to use a hybrid model depending on public health guidance.
- We are rethinking our rooms and building to maximize the spaces we have in order to calculate how many total students we can have on campus while following social distancing guidelines provided by the state.
- Health screenings and temperature checks will be in place. Summer camp has been a great opportunity to implement these systems in order to prepare for larger numbers in the fall.
- Drop off and pick up times will be staggered with designated times to maximize traffic flow to accommodate for the screening process.
- Students will stay together in their class groups for the day with their assigned teacher and specialists will travel to classrooms. In middle school, the teachers will rotate classrooms instead of students.

- Classrooms and bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the day.

Hybrid Models

- Under this scenario, students would rotate between being off-campus and on-campus. There are many different options to configure this and we are looking at the best option for our school. The days that students would be on campus would be a full day in every scenario we are considering.
- Students will stay together in their class groups for the day with their assigned teacher and specialists will travel to classrooms. In middle school, the teachers will rotate classrooms instead of students.

Online Learning Option

- This option would be for families that want to continue at Brighton but prefer their student(s) to learn remotely.
- Spring Education is working with all schools on developing an online option and more detailed information is to come.

Schoology LMS (Learning Management System) Platform

We will be transitioning away from Alma as our LMS platform for families and students. Schoology is a robust platform with many more features and capabilities than Alma and will enhance our ability to leverage technology to enhance student learning and keep parents connected with your child's learning.

Visit the [Schoology website](#) to see all the different features it offers. Schoology is able to sync with many online learning tools

such as Google in order to maximize school use of the different technology.

We know that there are still many questions and areas (sports, before and after care, enrichment, after school activities, parent teacher conferences, etc) that haven't been directly addressed. They are not lost in this but will be addressed in time as we get closer to school starting.

We will continue to communicate throughout the summer as more details and information is available. We hope you have a wonderful 4th of July.

Brighton School