



Bristol Township School District

5 Blue Lake Rd.

Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057

August 5, 2020

Dear Bristol Township School District Community,

I hope this letter finds your family safe and healthy. While the spring and summer have been filled with ever-changing data and protocol guidelines surrounding COVID-19, one thing has remained constant: Our commitment to educating your children in a way that ensures their health and safety during this uncertain time.

With this commitment at the forefront-of-their minds, our Bristol Township's School Board voted on August 3, 2020, to start school on September 8 using **full online instruction**, with a reassessment planned prior to November 12 (the end of the first marking period). This decision will allow us to start the school year off with the least amount of risk possible to students, families, teachers, and staff.

Before November 12, we will look at the current data on COVID-19 in our area and decide if the District can move into the hybrid model which was presented to the Pennsylvania Department of Education as part of our reopening plan.

Please know that the online instruction model this fall will be much improved and look entirely different from the online teaching that occurred in the spring when we had to abruptly close our buildings and launch remote teaching. BTSD teachers have been participating in ongoing professional development opportunities and exploring effective strategies to utilize learning platforms such as SeeSaw, Canvas and Google. No outside programs such as Odyssey, Spark or Edgenuity will be used to deliver instruction. Additionally, this will be a more rigorous program compared to spring where students will be held accountable for attendance and daily assignments.

Special Education Services

A separate letter will be sent to parents of students that receive special education services. If you have specific questions or concerns regarding Special Education supports and services, you may contact the Director of Special Education at 267-599-2011. You are encouraged to leave a message and he will return your call as quickly as possible to provide you with information.

Chromebooks for Students

Students that received Chromebooks from the spring should still be in possession of those devices. Administrators will be assisting in making sure that all students have a device prior to the start of the school year. Please do NOT give your Chromebooks to a sibling without first notifying the principal.

Chromebook distribution (Grades 1-8) will occur from 8 a.m. to noon at the Bristol Township Administration Building, 5 Blue Lake Road, Levittown, PA on the following dates for those still needing devices. **Chromebook distribution (Grades 9-12) for Truman students will be distributed from Truman, all other students will pick up at the Administration Building.**

- 8/10 Armstrong Students - Only Armstrong Students that are attending 9th grade in the fall. All other Armstrong students (6th into 7th & 7th into 8th) will be given a time at a later date for the exchange.
- 8/14 Truman students
- 8/17 Brookwood students
- 8/18 Mill Creek students
- 8/19 Keystone students

- FDR students needing Chromebooks should contact the principal at the email address or phone number below to arrange a time for pick-up.

To maintain social distancing, Chromebooks will be distributed via curbside pickup.

- Enter through the Green Lane entrance (Next to the Baseball Fields)
- Drive up to the entrance. Do not get out of your car.
- Have your student's ID (preferred) or ID number ready. (The student does NOT need to be present.)
- Someone will check off the ID number and distribute the device.
- Exit through Blue Lake

If you have questions or concerns regarding Chromebook distribution, please contact your child's principal.

- Brookwood: Jacqueline Cubberly, jacqueline.cubberly@bristoltwpsd.org, 267- 599-2400
- Keystone: Mark Wilicki, mark.wilicki@bristoltwpsd.org, 267- 599-2470
- Mill Creek: Sharon Vitella, sharon.vitella@bristoltwpsd.org, 267-599-2440
- Armstrong: Ed Dayton, ed.dayton@bristoltwpsd.org, 267-599-2270
- FDR: Kevin Boles, kevin.boles@bristoltwpsd.org, 267-599-2300
- Truman: Jon Craig, jon.craig@bristoltwpsd.org, 267-599-2127

Meal Distribution

Food distribution is currently being distributed by Century 21 at Mill Creek until August 21. Bristol Township Food Services Department will continue distribution on August 25 and 31. The District's Food Services Department will be sending out information at a later date for Grab and Go lunches for the fall.

Child Care

We understand that child care and lack of access to affordable child care is a large challenge with online instruction. Childcare resources from independent providers will be posted on our District website and Facebook.

As more plans for the 2020-21 school year become finalized, I will share that information with you. Additionally, we will be creating many resources for parents to have an opportunity to get their questions answered and feel more comfortable with online learning.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe.

Sincerely,



Dr. Melanie Gehrens
Superintendent of Schools
Bristol Township School District