Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have been building our Return to School Plan. We have worked, and continue to work in collaboration with the Mecosta-Osceola ISD, local health officials, and our district teams to provide a safe and effective plan which provides choice to each of our parents and students.

The program we have developed for our students aligns with Governor Whitmer’s phases for reopening Michigan and the state’s “Return to School Roadmap.” It also aligns to the over 500 responses we received from our “distance learning survey” from the end of last year, which indicated over 88% of our parents wanted a variation of an in-person learning option. However, we did still have many who indicated some interest in having a distance learning option for the fall. With this in mind, our plan will offer an in-person option while also providing an opportunity for students to participate in a “Learn from Home” option in each phase. In order to plan for the upcoming year, we ask you to complete the Learning Options Selection Form to indicate which program you would like each of your children to participate in.

Again, thank you for your commitment to your children and their learning. Please know that this plan is subject to change due to any future requirements or changes in our environment. Together, we will make this another successful year at BRPS!
Big Rapids Public Schools is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for each one of our students and staff during this pandemic. Every effort will be made to provide both social and emotional support to help to reduce any barriers that may get in the way of learning. We promise to provide quality instruction in every delivery format in order to ensure the educational success of our students.

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All phases are determined by the MI Safe Start Plan and follow the MI Return to School Roadmap.

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All schools will offer distance learning through the CONNECTING CARDINALS site.

A two-week period of ACCLIMATING students and staff to the new protocols of IN-PERSON LEARNING.

IN-PERSON LEARNING with new protocols will take place.

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**RETURN TO SCHOOL FAQ'S**

**WHAT WILL THE PROCESS BE IF THERE IS A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE AT SCHOOL?**

BRPS will cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff. For more on this topic, visit www.brps.org/returntoschool.

**WILL THERE BE OPEN HOUSES?**

Open houses will be in a virtual format this year. Principals will contact parents with more information.

**HOW WILL THE CONNECTING CARDINALS REMOTE MODEL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE SPRING**

All teachers in grades 3-12th will use Google Classroom for their content while grades K-2 will be inputting BRPS curriculum into the Seesaw and Scootpad sites/apps for their level.

**WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE LEARN FROM HOME OPTION?**

Please visit www.brps.org/returntoschool and click on the Learn from Home Program Information to get more information about the Learn from Home option.

*For a full list of return to school FAQ’s please visit www.brps.org/returntoschool.*
Quality instruction will be taught by highly-skilled, thoughtful, and caring BRPS teachers.

Chromebooks will be available for students in need with hotspots available in the community.

Students and families will have access to class resources, progress, and grades.

All inter-school, after-school, and athletic activities will be suspended.

A food distribution plan will be implemented.

There will be social and emotional support provided.

Daily attendance will be required.

If our region is in Phase 1, 2 or 3, Big Rapids Public Schools will offer distance learning through the Connecting Cardinals site found at www.brps.org/connectingcardinals.

- If our region remains in Phase 4 on August 26th, Big Rapids Public Schools will begin the transition back to school with a hybrid model of learning. In this model, families will be notified as to whether their child(ren) is in the BLUE or RED group. The goal will be to help our students and staff feel comfortable in this new learning setting and to introduce students to what learning could look like in each phase. (Siblings will be kept in the same groups to make this transition easier for families and groups will be communicated by August 14th.) The transition period will follow this outline:

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- All staff will be required to wear face masks with consideration for medical toleration.
- Facial covering will be worn by all during transportation, while in hallways and common areas, and by all students in grades 5-12.
- K-4 students will wear facial coverings outside of their classroom and may be asked to when social distancing is not possible as well.
- K-4 students will have scheduled hand-washing with soap and water every 2-3 hours. Students in grades 5-12 will be provided frequent hand-washing opportunities.
- Screening will follow Health Department guidelines and parents will be expected to screen children before sending them to school.
- Buses will be disinfected before and after every route and students will be required to use hand sanitizer before entering the bus and wear masks.
- Schools will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors.
- Heightened cleaning procedures and new social distancing procedures will be in place.
- Athletics will comply with MHSAA guidance.
- There will be social and emotional support provided.

If our region is in Phase 5, Big Rapids Public Schools will offer in-person learning with all required protocols in place from the MI Safe Schools Roadmap including some of what is listed under the Phase 4 protocols for cleaning, screening, masking, and social distancing.

Available for any (non-BRVS) student, the Big Rapids Public Schools LEARN FROM HOME option allows families to maintain the supports, curriculum, and activities of BRPS from the safety of their own home.

- Support from BRPS Staff for all grade levels on learning program.
- Curriculum provided by BRPS.
- Students have the option to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Students participating must commit to at least a full trimester.
- There will be social and emotional support provided.
- Technology will be available for students in need.

Visit www.brps.org/returnschool or call (231) 796-2627 to make your learning selection(s).
In an effort to minimize exposure to all students, THERE WILL BE NO BUS EXCHANGE BEHIND THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
All buses will pick-up at bus stops and travel to each school building for drop-offs. Buses will each be assigned a color as seen around the boxes with bus routes to the right.

**GROUP PICK-UPS**

| BUS 9 | THIRD AND N. FOURTH AVE (EASTWOOD), PARKVIEW AND N. SECOND AVE., CARMEN'S DAYCARE |
| BUS 19 | CORNER E. LINDEN AT GILBERTSON (PARK) |
| BUS 2 | RYAN CREEK APT |
| BUS 10 | OLAF AND SPEER ST., COLLEGE PARK TRAILER PARK, DARWIN AND LOUDEN |
| BUS 9 | COUNTRY MANOR ESTATES, BRIDGE AND MARION, HAVENVIEW TRAILER PARK |
| BUS 25 | VILLAGE GREEN APT, TRESSLE BEND |
| BUS 1 | COUNTRY PLACE, EVERGREEN APT. |
| BUS 6 | CIRCLE DRIVE TRAILER PARK, WINDING BROOK |
| BUS 21 | ROSE AND MADISON |

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**PICK-UP & DROP-OFF BUSES**

Hillcrest- Bus 9  
Brookside- Bus 20  
Eastwood - Bus 24  
Riverview- Bus 6
2020-2021
TIMES LISTED ARE THE
APPROXIMATE TIME BUSES WILL
MAKE THEIR FIRST PICK-UP
NOTE: SOME BUS NUMBERS
HAVE CHANGED

Bus #10: 6:35 AM, Pick up Belmont Dr, 165th north of 16 Mile, right on 21 Mile, left on 150th, turn around at 22 Mile, left on 21 Mile, right on 140th turn around in second driveway, right on 21 Mile, left on 160th, turn around at Tribe Lk Rd., south on 160th, left on Alma Lk. Rd., right on 177th, left on Round Lake Rd. left on 195th (Bjornson), stop at Darwin and Louden, stop at Olaf and Speer, stop at College Park Bus #17: 6:20 AM, 19 Mile and Newcosta (13 Mile Newaygo County), right on Walnut, left on 14 Mile, cross M 37, left on Bingham Ave, P/U at 2nd driveway for Lillie Township Hall, north on Bingham, right on 14 Mile, cross M 37, right on Walnut, left on 13 Mile, pick up at intersections, right on Northland Dr.

Bus #19: 6:40 AM, 3rd Ave, right on New Millpond, left on McKinley, right on Nancy Dr, through addition, right on McKinley, right on 1st street, right on Valley, left on Outer Dr, left on Astro, goes through back circle (Jet and Apollo), right on Heritage (E Outer Dr), right on McKinley to M-20, right on 120th, right on Emma Dr. (14 Mile to East), right on Main St, left on McKinley, Right on 157th, left on 15 Mile, right on 180th, left on Taft, right on 190th (Bronson), left on 16 Mile (Colburn Ave), right on Bronson, left on Elm, left on Gilbertson, pickup at Mary Pine Playground at Linden St.

Bus #20: 6:50 AM, 215th, right on13 Mile Rd (pick up all north side), left on Beech, turn around, right on 7 Mile, pick up all south side, left on 215th, stop at Huntey’s Daycare, right on Perry, left on Water tower, left on Fuller, Appleridge and Hillcrest Apts, stop at Brookside Elementary.

Bus #21: 6:30 AM, 15 Mile Rd, left on Cottonwood, right on 6 Mile, right on Elm, PU at Pineview school, right on Elm, right on 6 Mile, right on Pine, left on Fillmore, turnaround at Oak, left on Polk, left on Elm, left on Hickory, turnaround, straight on 8 Mile, left on Cypress, right on 9 Mile (becomes 15 Mile), right on Ferris Drive, pick up Robin Ct, Cardinal Ct. Finch Ct, right on Ferris Dr, left on State St, left on Bellevue, PU at Rose and Madison.

Bus #22: 6:30 AM, M-20 (3rd Ave), right on New Millpond, left on 15 Mile, right on 175th, right on M-20, left on Old Millpond Rd, right on 15 Mile, through Indian Village (inner circle), left on Old Millpond, stop at Brother’s Keeper.

Bus #23: 6:37 AM. 15 Mile Rd (becomes 9 Mile at county line, pick up north side, right on Cypress (Norwich town hall), right on Thebo Dr, turn around, right on Cypress, right on Hungerford Lk. Rd., turn around at end of pavement, west Hungerford Lk. Rd. turn around, right on Cypress, left on M-20 (pick up south side of road through curves), right on 220th, right on 14 Mile, turn around, right on 220th, left on 13 Mile, pick up North side of 13 Mile, left on 205th, pick up 205th Ave.

Bus #24 (replaces OLD #2): 6:30 AM, 160th north of 16 Mile, right on 17 Mile, left on 135th, right on 18 Mile, Left on 110th, right on Dwight, pick up at old store (enter 2nd driveway), right on Dwight, left on 110th, right on 16 Mile, right on DeKrafft, left on Maple, right, on Bjornson, left on Madison, left on 2nd Ave, left on Adams St, left on 3rd Ave, pull into Eastwood stop at gym door.

Bus #25 (replaces OLD #7): 6:50 AM, 205th Ave across Hoover Rd, right on Indian Trail, turn around, left on 205th, right on Hoover Rd, left on Northland Dr, right on Lincoln St (Paris), right on Franklin St, right on Water St., left on Northland, right on Hoover, right on 200th, right on Oak., left on Ash Dr., left on 20 Mile, right on 195th (Bjornson) south of Round Lk. Rd., right on Spruce, left on 197th (Catherine St. south of city limits), P/U Platt Ave and Village Green Apts.

Bus #26 (replaces OLD #1) 6:10 AM, North State Street, 18 Mile west of Northland Dr., left on 220th, left on 20 Mile, turn around at end, cross Northland Dr, turnaround at sawmill, left on Northland Dr, right on 19 Mile, right on Newcosta, right on 20 Mile, right on 230th, right on 18 Mile, right on Newcosta, right on 19 Mile, right on 230th, left on 16 Mile, right on 220th, right on Hungerford, turnaround, back on Woodward, left on State St.

For more information check out ww.brps.org/transportation
# Resources and Tips for Parents

With school right around the corner, BRPS families are looking for information for everything from the BRPS Return to School Plan to school supply lists. We have compiled this list of resources and tips for parents for the 2020-2021 school year.

**We can’t wait for another great year at BRPS!**

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**Feel free to call (231) 796-2627 for more help.**

BRPS completed abatement work over the summer of 2020.

For all ANNUAL PARENT NOTIFICATIONS, go to [http://www.brps.org/parentnotification](http://www.brps.org/parentnotification).
Crews have been hard at work around the district this summer. The multi-use space at the High School is nearing completion and the multi-purpose field is really taking shape! Team rooms and retaining walls, as seen above, really help to make the vision come alive.

The Elementary buildings will feel fresh this fall with new carpet and paint. In addition, all Elementary classrooms and about half of the Middle School classrooms will now experience a higher volume of cleaner, fresher airflow with the new HVAC units that were installed this summer versus units that were 40-50 years old. These classrooms will now have air conditioning year-around. New digital controls on all new units will better control the comfort levels in all areas that are being remodeled. As originally planned, the Middle School will see further remodeling next summer that will provide the remainder of classrooms with the new HVAC units as well.

We thank the Big Rapids community for the continued support!
WE ARE BR

DID YOU KNOW?

2061
Our total district enrollment for the 2018-19 count period was 2,061 students with nearly 30% of enrollees living outside of our district.

450
We offer high school students college courses. 87 high school students earned over 450 college credits last year alone!

100+
The Big Rapids Virtual School enrolled over 100 students last year, offering a non-traditional path towards graduation.

$88K
Our PTOs raised over $88,600 in 2019 with the support of the BR parents, families, and the community.

$24M
With the support of voters, BRPS was able to pass a $24.9 million dollar bond, allowing us to make district-wide improvements.

SCHOOL SAFETY

We partner with Spectrum Health to provide a school nurse, district-wide.

We partner with both the Big Rapids Police Department and Mecosta County Sheriff’s Office to provide liaisons in all our buildings.

BRPS offers certified school counselors at every level.

We implemented a district-wide bullying prevention and school safety task force.

Each building has Medical Emergency Response Teams prepared if needed.

WE EDUCATE THE WHOLE CHILD

BRPS offers a diverse range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities that allow students to pursue their passions and achieve success.

22 - high school sports, six middle school sports, theatre, band, Robotics, art, wood shop, technology, Spanish, Physical Education

25 - high school clubs, seven middle school clubs, National Honor Society, Student Council, elementary art, community mentors and partnerships

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

✓ BRPS had the highest percentage of students meeting state academic standards on state tests in this area.

✓ The average overall index of BRPS elementary schools was 89.5. Based on proficiency and growth, this is the highest score in the area.

✓ The Big Rapids Middle School offers students band, choir, art, technology, physical education, and Spanish in addition to state required core classes.

✓ The Virtual School also had a higher percentage of students meeting state academic standards than students at similar schools, by 10%!

✓ Big Rapids High School was recognized as a “Top American High School” by Newsweek and a US News and World Report “Silver Medal School,” placing BRHS in the top ten percent in the nation.

DATA PRESENTED FROM MI SCHOOL DATA FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR.

AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS

Instrumental Music
Dramatic Arts
Industrial Arts
Visual Arts
Vocal Music
Robotics
Quiz Bowl
Math Counts
Yearbook Program
Leader in Me

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
BIG RAPIDS, MI
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