

Dear Indialantic Families,

Re-opening our school, safely, for our students is my number one priority. The district has requested every school to ask for input from their community in developing a re-opening plan. The district developed several Task Force Teams to address different areas such as Health and Safety, Educational, Social Emotional Health, and Operational Processes. These teams will help guide schools in making informed decisions regarding re-opening.

I have met virtually with staff, the SAC Committee and members of the PTO to receive feedback. I encourage you to send me any concerns or recommendations that you would like considered. The district has a survey on their website where over 8,000 community members have already provided feedback. Additionally, hundreds of BPS staff members have already responded. These responses are available for anyone to read. If you would like to provide input to the district, The Re-Opening Task Force Link is listed below:

<https://sites.google.com/share.brevardschools.org/bpsre-openingtaskforce/home?fbclid=IwAR0hGE1FCih8hEEi8KcAPBdZ0qalfsGjVFEitdIdc4ZIWr4oCeyj3mKzho>

An outcome of these meetings was to send all of our parents' information about what we are doing and considering doing to create a safe environment for everyone. The stakeholders who provided feedback were thankful for the opportunity to have a voice in proposing possible changes that keep the needs of the students as our primary focus.

We addressed many areas such as classrooms, lunch, hallways, bathrooms, recess, volunteers, visitors, special events, sick children/clinic, absences/ attendance, addressing social/emotional needs of our students, shared computers, CAMP activity teachers and clubs.

Some suggestions were, add outside tables to provide space in the lunchroom and extend lunch times to reduce number of classes in cafeteria at one time or have students eat in their classrooms on a rotating schedule. Make hallways one-way to reduce passing one another. Utilize all grounds and provide rotating schedules to space students who are out together during recess and change the clinic to provide a separate area for sick child. Additionally, it was determined that protocols would need to be developed for special events such as; Open House, Parent Teacher Night, Book Fairs, and to provide guidelines for visitors and volunteers. Discussions regarding temperature checks, absences, and attendance took place. The information gleaned from the meetings will be sent to the district teams for further discussion and considerations.

I was so impressed with the staff and parents who shared their thoughtful and positive ideas, recommendations, and concerns. Indialantic is fortunate to have such family and community support. The grounds are quite large which provides us with opportunities to expand outside spaces, but are classrooms are at capacity for space. I am committed to providing students with as close to "normal" experiences as possible. However, we will have a new "normal" that the adults across the campus from visitors to staff members will need to be conscience of and adhere too.

Feel free to email, call, or text me with any additional input you may have.

Sincerely,

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