



Principal Chat: Question/Answer: Lets Talk Plan B

SAFETY

Q: Do certain county COVID metrics have to be met prior to 11/2/20 in order to follow the revised plan B?

A: The CMS Board voted on Plan B based on metrics at that time, but they are monitoring metrics weekly and will certainly communicate to the public if any plans change.

Q: Are schools still providing masks?

A: Yes, the school will provide 5 masks to each student.

Q: Will students be required to wear masks all day?

A: Yes, this will be enforced even during recess. Staff is required to wear masks all day, too.

Q: Are there any restrictions on masks (such as solid color only)?

A: No restrictions on colors; please ensure they are age-appropriate and do not contain any offensive wording, etc.

Q: What are the cleaning protocols that are being put in place?

A: Custodians are constantly wiping down high touch surfaces, such as desks. A special cleaning will occur on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Q: Are there needs for the classroom?

A: Yes - clorox wipes please. Teachers will let you know of anything else they might need for the classrooms.

Q: Where do we find the questions needed to enter school? Is it online?

A: Yes, the school websites have a link on the left side titled "Student Daily Symptoms Screener." It must be completed for all students each day, regardless of how they arrive at school, i.e. bus, walker, car rider, etc. Staff will look for a print out or screen shot of the green check with that day's date.

Q: Why are children not screened by bus drivers prior to riding the bus?

A: Bus riders will have to present their completed screening to the bus drivers every day they ride the bus. However, due to lack of capacity, bus drivers will not have the capability to take student temperatures prior to getting on the bus. Each child arriving at school will have their temperature taken before entering the building.

Q: What's the earliest in the morning we can fill out the daily health screening?

A: The daily screening is available starting at 5am now for staff; believe it will be the same for families.

Q: Will social distancing be enforced in the classrooms?

A: Yes

Q: Will bathroom procedures for students be any different?

A: K-3 have in-class restrooms; they will be cleaned between each use. Each hall restroom is assigned to a grade level. Restroom breaks are scheduled on each campus; kids will go in one at a time and they will be cleaned in between restroom breaks.

Q: I know some schools are using shields at desks. Is that something CMS is doing?

A: Not at this time.

ON CAMPUS LEARNING

Q: How are teachers feeling about returning?

A: 100% of BCE teachers have requested to come back and teach in the building rather than teach virtually.

Q: How can parents find their "letter" days if they are not aware? Can they call the school or do the teachers have this information?

A: This information has been communicated district-wide via phone calls prior to the beginning of the school year. If you are unsure of your assigned rotation, contact your teacher. Students in rotation A and B are all set to report to campus on their designated days. Students in rotation C are being reassigned by CMS and will be communicated shortly.

Q: When does plan B actually start?

A: It starts the week of 11/2/20 for K-5 students, Students on rotation A will go to campus every Monday and Tuesday. Students on rotation B will go to campus every Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be a remote learning day for ALL students.

Q: If my child was originally Group C, when do we find out their new group?

A: Those should be coming out soon by CMS. You will receive a phone call from CMS.

Q: We also have a middle schooler; when will they be making an announcement regarding their plan?

A: The change for K-5 students was based on the governor's amendment that K-5 students across the state may now return to on-campus learning. At the last school board meeting, they did not change the plan for middle and high school. They are still starting the week of 11/23/20 and will be on campus for their every third week rotation.

Q: What percentage of BCE students are participating in the remote academy?

A: This number is changing daily as families are moving either into or out of the Full Remote Academy.

Q: Can families switch to/from the Full Remote Academy now?

A: Yes. Please contact school administration to do so.

Q: What is the max class size?

A: K-2 classes are required to have no more than 12 students at a time for in-person learning. 3rd-5th classes are required to have no more than 16 students at a time for in-person learning. Even with the collapsing Group C into Groups A and B, BCE will not exceed the max in-person class size restrictions.

Q: Will the school provide the document shared in the Principal's Chat virtual meetings for families to reference?

A: Yes, the document will be shared broadly as we get closer to in-person learning as details continue to change frequently right now.

Q: Will my child need to bring their iPad to school?

A: Yes, please bring your CMS device. If you do not have a school device, the school will provide one.

Q: To confirm, the school issued device (iPad or Chromebook) will go back and forth, home to school daily, if a student is using that device at home also for virtual learning?

A: That is correct.

Q: Will the school provide a second set of books?

A: The students only have one textbook and they will send home pages as needed.

Q: What should students be taking to school on their first day?

A: Teachers will let families know what to bring since it may be different per grade level/teacher. Will get this info out starting on Friday.

Q: Do students need headphones at school?

A: Absolutely

Q: Did I hear correctly that children will not be permitted to use playground equipment?

A: Correct. Playground equipment is off limits for the time being. Kids will have structured playtime outside.

Q: Can you explain how TD will work when we get back to in person?

A: Students will log into (stream) TD/ELL groups as they have already been doing; this is to limit additional contact as well as movement in the building.

Q: How will small groups work since my child's homeroom teacher will not deliver that instruction to remote students?

A: Another staff member will provide small group instruction for remote students while homeroom teachers focus on the students physically in the building that day.

Q: Do you know when in-process IEPs will get started?

A: Testing for IEPs onsite can be done even prior to 11/2/20. Please reach out to school administration and/or your teacher to get this scheduled.

Q: What time does the school day end?

A: Schools will operate on the normal schedule. Billingsville students may enter campus at 7:15, and the tardy bell rings at 7:45. Student dismissal on the Billingsville campus begins at 2:35. Cotswold students may enter campus at 7:30, and the tardy bell rings at 8:00. Dismissal for the Cotswold campus begins at 2:50.

Q: Do walkers have to be dismissed to an adult or can they walk home alone?

A: Yes, walkers can still walk without a parent from the upper campus. All kids will be dismissed from their classrooms rather than the gym. It will be a slower process than normal; so please be patient.

Q: Will ASEP be offered?

A: Both campuses are slated to host ASEP/BSEP for before/after care. Registration opens the week of 10/19/20.