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Dear Baldwin Families,

Thank you to the families who completed the survey regarding reopening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The survey has been instrumental in helping us to determine the best options for reopening. Based on your feedback, we have decided to provide the option of full-time remote learning for students. Tomorrow, Friday, July 31, 2020, you will receive a link to a commitment form, which must be filled out for every student in our school system. The deadline for completion is Thursday, August 6, 2020. The information received from the commitment forms will drive every decision going forward. Information you might need in making the decision include:

Elementary: in-person

- School will begin at 9:10 am for the 2020-2021 school year only
- Lunch will be eaten in class
- Specials (art, music, physical education) will be modified to conform with health department regulations and schedules
- Students will be put into cohorts to minimize physical contact with others
- Outdoor learning will be maximized to the greatest extent possible
- Classroom space has been measured to maintain physical distancing, so students do not have to wear masks all day. When it is not possible to maintain physical distancing, a mask must be worn.

Elementary: remote learning

- Students will be assigned to a class with their classroom teacher
- Students and teachers will meet for live instruction daily
- Students will be required to attend an in-person one on one/small group literacy assessment several times during the year
- Specials (art, music, physical education) will be modified to conform with health department regulations and remote learning

Secondary: in-person

- Students will be in school at 50% capacity: either Tuesday and Wednesday or Thursday and Friday, with alternating Mondays
- Students will be required to follow their normal schedule on their at-home learning days, by connecting via computer to live instruction
- Students will be paired with another student who is on the alternate day to collaborate on their learning
- Specials (art, music, physical education) will be modified to conform with health department regulations and remote learning
- *Canvas* will be used as the remote learning platform

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Secondary: remote learning

- Students will follow their normal class schedule but will connect via computer to live instruction
- *Canvas* will be used as the remote learning platform
- Some variation of remote learning is possible to reduce screen time

In all cases, attendance will be taken on a daily and period by period (secondary only) basis. The district's plan will be published to the website by the end of next week. An email will be sent to parents once the plan is published.

As mentioned in my previous letter to the community, flexibility will define this year. We are anticipating every likely scenario. It is possible that all schools will be closed by the governor at which time we will shift into full remote learning. It is my hope that the health emergency is lifted at some point during the school year and students can come back in-person full time. If this becomes a reality, we will shift into full-time in-person mode. None of this is predicable at this point, but we have planned for every possible situation.

Thank you for your continued support. We are in this together and are committed to the success and well-being of all our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shari L. Camhi".

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