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Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Students:

We are hopeful that your families remain well and wish you good health as we enter the Fall season. To better serve our students and teaching staff, we believe a change to the teaching & learning schedule is necessary. **We are changing the structure of our school schedule, which will begin October 19, 2020.** This affects ALL students, including those learning remotely. Heretofore are the reasons we believe this Phase II instructional model will improve student learning:

1. There are approximately 1,545 (43%) students on remote-only instruction. Increasing access to remote, yet live instruction will benefit all students. Additionally, the proposed schedule will provide time for extra-academic help.
2. It is difficult to balance the needs of some learners with the anxieties and fears surrounding COVID-19, especially for students or staff that may go home to medically fragile individuals. However, we should consider a model where we increase instructional time and the number of days in school, in a fashion that still protects those in the school. A half-day schedule eliminates students eating lunch in school and decreases class changes, which reduces contact tracing variables.
3. There are a high number of students with a failing grade in at least one class at mid-marking period. This is concerning and suggestive that our instructional model may need to better address the learning needs of ALL students. This instructional model increases instructional time and provides opportunities for extra-academic support. The ability to “live stream” in-class learning will allow greater access to curricula and increase at which curricula is explored.

We believe that the Phase II schedule proposed below will improve student performance outcomes without sacrificing safety standards in our schools.

- Students will be placed into two groups
- Students will be reporting to school two half-days a week
- The Wednesday remote, live synchronous learning schedule will be the same.
- When in-school or while “streaming into” the class, students will participate in 57-minute-long classes.
- For those students attending in-person, they will be in school two days a week and they will be logging onto their computer and streaming live classroom instruction two days a week.
- Remote only students will be required to log onto their computers every day for live instruction.
- Students will have to complete posted assignments on Google classroom.
- Teachers will test live streaming between now and the Week of November 2. Starting the week of November 9, full live streaming integration is expected.

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This is the Phase II Instructional Schedule

Current Green Group will now be Group A and come to school Monday and Tuesday.

Current Orange Group will now be Group A and come to school Monday and Tuesday.

Current Red Group will now be Group B and come to school Thursday and Friday.

Current Yellow Group will now be Group B and come to school Thursday and Friday.

Current Remote-Only Student Group will be streaming in every day, every period.

Half-Day Schedule	Group A In Person		All Students Synchronous Wednesday	Group B In Person	
	Group B Streaming In @ 7:45 am			Group A Streaming In @ 7:45 am	
	Remote-Only Students Streaming In @ 7:45 am			Remote-Only Students Streaming In @ 7:45 am	
Time	Monday Class Periods	Tuesday Class Periods	Students will follow the Synchronous Wednesday Bell Schedule All students log in at 8:00 am.	Thursday Class Periods	Friday Class Periods
7:25 - 7:45 am Announcements 7:45 am - 8:42 am (57 minutes)	1	2		1	2
8:46 am - 9:43 am (57 minutes)	3	4		3	4
9:47 am- 10:44 am (57 minutes)	5	6		5	6
10:48 am -11:45 am (57 minutes)	7	8		7	8
12:35 pm- 2:10/2:40 pm	Extra Help, Teacher Planning	Extra Help, Teacher Planning		Extra Help, Teacher Planning	Extra Help, Teacher Planning

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Remote Learning

Parents and students may continue to opt for remote learning only. We believe, teachers will have the planning time to develop and deliver “live streaming” of their classes, so all students learning remote-only will be required to log into their classes each day, each period, at the direction of their teachers. If you would like to return to in-person instruction, please inform the School Principal or the grade-level Vice-Principal as soon as possible, but that notice must be before October 23, 2020.

Student Lunch Service

Students will still be afforded free breakfast and lunch whether they are attending in-person or whether they are remote. In this half-day schedule, students will receive lunch as they depart for the school day. The District has published pick up locations and times on our schools’ websites and in our District Newsletter.

Live Streaming into Classes

In this instructional model, students who are not attending school in-person will be logging into the “live-streamed” lesson, so it is imperative that students are logging in at the appropriate time so that they are marked present, can participate in the lesson, and prepare themselves for the posted Google classroom assignments. If families are struggling with reliable internet access, I encourage them to reach out to the child’s Vice-Principal to obtain information on how the school can assist with supplying families with hot spot internet access.

Transportation

The morning transportation pick-up times will remain the same, so students should be at their bus stops, ready for transportation to the school just like they were, but for two days a week, instead of one. Students will be released from the half-day schedule at 11:45 am and bused home.

For additional details and Frequently Asked Questions relative to this plan, please visit our website at www.bhprsd.org.

COVID-19 continues to cause a disruption to our daily lives. We have learned to adapt and overcome. We will have to be comfortable with the notion that these plans may change, again, as information relative to COVID-19 changes. There continues to be flexibility built into this plan to adjust to a full remote instruction model if necessary.

Through all of this, we appreciate your input, questions, and patience as we work tirelessly to navigate this ever-changing environment so that our students have a great learning experience.

Sincerely,

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