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Brooklyn Public Schools' Reopening Update September 18, 2020

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Good afternoon! I would like to **thank each of you** for your hard work during this hybrid or remote learning experience. It has been a challenge and we understand how hard you as parents are working to assist your children at home. We know that this has been challenging for students and families. I wanted to give you a quick update on our hybrid status. We have been working hard to provide a healthy learning environment in school, address the social emotional needs of students and identify the priority academic standards that need to be retaught from last year while identifying the current priority standards for this year. We would like to be teach all the same standards in depth that we always have taught but understand that this year will be different. We are working on the balance of synchronous (learning in real time) and asynchronous (prerecorded) lessons. We always reflect and get better. **We are sending out a [survey](#) and request that you provide us feedback.** We have surveyed staff and students and will look forward to your feedback. We have already used some of the feedback received this week to improve our communication and practices. We know there is more room for growth.

I would like to acknowledge that some of our learners who require specialized instruction and intensive services may be able to access more than 2 days of in person learning. We have just begun to determine how we can meet the needs of these learners who have significantly different instruction and support. At times there may be a higher number of students who need specialized instruction in our classes than we typically have. While we would love to return all students to in person learning for more than two days, **we are following the guidance from the CDC and our local Department of Health, NDDH.** At this time, with no vaccine, we are unable to bring all students back to school and maintain 6' distancing. **Everyone in our buildings is doing a great job with masks, handwashing and maintaining physical distance,** but we just are not able to maintain that distance if all students return. Right now, if we do have a case of COVID, due to our cohorting, we will only need to keep half of a class home. We do not mix cohorts so there will be no need to send a whole grade level or close a building if we have one confirmed case. To date we have had no confirmed cases and if we do I will communicate as much information as possible while maintaining HIPPA guidelines!

I am pleased to be part of the Brooklyn Public Schools where there are great things happening! Look forward to school pictures, open house and a Parks and Recreation drive through Halloween event on the school grounds! Thanks to the PTO for their help with this! We are making the most of this busy year! Be well!

Sincerely, Patricia L. Buell

Mission: The Brooklyn Schools will foster a drive for learning within each student to reach his/her greatest potential. To achieve this mission, the school will continually improve its educational programs and services to meet this community's expectations for a quality education for all.