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Dear Buck Families,

The summer is quickly dwindling down and I hope you and your family are taking advantage to have fun and relax. As we are nearing our August 30, 2021 start, I would like to share with you some information regarding what school will look like in the fall. This Return Learn Plan was developed in conjunction with other Berrien County Superintendents. These plans are always subject to change due to the issuance of public health orders and mandates or rules set forth by the Berrien County Health Department, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services or the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Below are a few main areas from our Return to Learn Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Also linked and attached is the full Return to Learn Plan for you to review.

Instructional Mode- We are planning to return to school with full in-person instruction as our primary mode of instruction. If the need arises, we are prepared to pivot to remote/virtual learning.

Contact Tracing- A close contact within 6ft. of a positive individual will be quarantined for 10 days from last date of contact. Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine unless symptomatic.

Masking- Masking is optional for all students and staff unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.

COVID Testing- COVID testing of students or staff **will not be required** unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.

Athletics- Athletic practices and competitions will be permitted. Athletic testing **will not be required** unless mandated by a local or state agency and/or a sanctioning body.

Transportation- Since our buses are federally funded, there are federal mandates regarding public transportation, students will be reminded to wear masks while on the bus.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and keep an eye out for our yearly publication of the Buck Bulletin. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

[2021-2022 Return to Learn Plan](#)

Educationally yours,

Patricia Robinson