



Dear Parents,

Thank you all so much for your patience and support as we work toward reopening. As data is ever-changing, I want to give you an update about the work we are doing to prepare for bringing students back in person. Yesterday's benchmarks from [Maricopa County Department of Health](#), both in our zip code areas and in the CUSD, indicated an allowable recommendation for a hybrid model, but we have yet to meet the benchmarks for complete in-person learning. In light of this new information, we have sped up our data collection to more quickly inform our next steps.

First, we administered a new staff survey last week to determine our staff's comfort levels with reopening. BBS cares deeply for the teachers and instructional aides who do so much for our children, and we want to ensure, to the best of our ability, continuity of learning for all children. Second, we are asking you to please let us know if your distance learning/in-person selection has changed since when you selected for the first time. **Please send Michelle Riley an email only if you would like to change your selection.**

We will bring this updated, in-person data to the COVID Taskforce which will meet on September 11th. Their recommendations, along with parent concerns and comments I have received, will go before our board on September 17th. Simultaneous with our data collection, we are refining our distance learning plans and reevaluating our procedures to ensure we follow CDC guidelines.

We know distance learning and hybrid learning places stress on families and children. As we continue to work through this decision making process, we are taking this into account, as well.

Thank you for your support.

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