



Community Update & Reopening Schools Survey

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Greetings BSD Community,

As June comes to a close, summer programming and meal distribution has kicked off, more guidance from the Vt. Agency of Education (AOE) has been handed down, and plans are in motion to reopen schools in August.

There are many questions and uncertainties about next school year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The last Update discussed three possible scenarios for school reopening: Blended Options, Brick & Mortar Options, and Remote Learning Options. Since then, the AOE has handed down clearer guidance for reopening schools in the fall which directs schools toward a Blended Option, or what the AOE calls Phase 2. The overarching goal of the guidance is to have students return to school in person safely. This guidance is likely to be updated as we approach fall, considering the changing nature of COVID-19.

- **BSD School Reopening Survey** — There are many ways that reopening could happen so we are sending a BSD School Reopening Survey to families, educators, and staff to learn about your comfort level regarding the possible options. Our District Reopening Task Force is working hard to ensure we are ready for the start of school on August 26. Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JGLL827>. It will close for responses next Friday, July 3.
- **School Resource Officers (SRO)** — This week, the School Board sent out a survey to BSD families, educators and the community regarding the placement of SROs in Burlington schools. Thank you for all of the feedback. On Thursday, the School Board reviewed those responses and voted to recommend a task force to review the SRO program. We will continue to engage you in this important conversation.
- **Summer Meal Schedule** — Summer meal distribution kicked off last week, with the Burlington School Food Project providing FREE meals to all children ages 18 and under. Here is the distribution schedule for meal pickup:
 - North Avenue Alliance Church: Daily Breakfast and Lunch, 9 to 10 a.m.
 - Edmunds Elementary School: Daily Breakfast and Lunch, 9 to 10 a.m.
 - Sustainability Academy: Daily Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 - Champlain Elementary: Daily Breakfast and Lunch, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **NEW** South Meadow, Franklin Square, and Riverside: Daily Breakfast and Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Northgate, Salmon Run, and Bobbin Mill: M-W-F Breakfast and Lunch, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
 - Boys and Girls Club: M-W-F Breakfast, Lunch and Supper 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
 - **NEW** “Supper in the Park” at Roosevelt Park: Daily 5 to 6 p.m.
- **Masks** — Masks are going to be required for all students (with a few exceptions) and adults in all school buildings when we start school. While the District is planning to have some masks on-hand for students, if you do not already have a cloth mask for every family member, please pick one up at one of the two Burlington [mask distribution sites](#), currently open on Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Burlington Police Department, South Entrance (where you pay parking fines), and on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. at the Fletcher Free Library.

We will continue to work on school reopening and keep you informed as the guidance solidifies. We hope you can take a well-deserved vacation this summer while staying safe and smart; remember to wear your face mask, wash hands, and continue to practice physical distancing. Until we can all be in the same classroom together again (hopefully), we hope you have a great summer!

Stay safe and healthy,
Burlington School District

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