

Dear BSCSD Parents, Caregivers, and Community Members:

Based on new requirements and clarifications from NYS regarding masking and social distancing and on the ongoing work of our internal planning teams, we have again revised our [Reopening Plan Framework](#) in preparation for our opening day for students on Wednesday, September 8. We are genuinely excited for the arrival of our students and staff alike and all of the teaching, learning, and energy that comes with them! In addition to various orientation and welcome back activities in our schools, our construction is wrapping up, classrooms are taking shape, and our fall athletic teams are well underway in practices with some teams already having matches and meets. We invite you to come out and enjoy a game or a match and to support our Scotties teams, student athletes, and coaches. At this time, while there are no restrictions for our outdoor sporting events, we ask that you be mindful of social distancing and that you consider wearing a mask when in close contact with others. For our indoor events including volleyball matches, all student athletes and spectators must wear a mask as required by NYS.

For our next steps, the revised version of our *Framework* will be presented to the Board of Education at tomorrow night's regular meeting at 7:00pm in the High School library. If you choose to attend this meeting, please understand that masks are required at all times while in our buildings, including when speaking during public comment. Regarding the [NYS Department of Health mask requirement](#), we have received numerous emails and have heard public comment at Board meetings from community members who are opposed to this. While we understand that there are differing positions on this requirement, it is important to understand that the District is obligated to and will follow the laws on which these requirements are based. The Board of Education and administration do not have the authority to change these laws. We ask each of you to respect these facts and join us in working hard to ensure that our students are safe, healthy, happy, and successful in their learning during the year ahead.

Should you have specific questions on our latest *Framework*, please let us know at schoolopening@bscsd.org. Our goal is to respond to questions within 24 hours, but as information continues to evolve, please understand that we may not have answers to specific questions just yet.

Thanks very much.

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