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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

As some of you are aware, the Governor announced this afternoon (with a good deal of nuancing) that schools are to reopen in September under the rules set forth by the Departments of Health and Education. The Governor will monitor the data between now and then and if there is a spike in positive COVID 19 cases, he will change his decision.

The Governor also announced that, in addition to posting our full reopening plan, by next Friday, August 14, we must also post separately our plans for:

- Remote learning (we continue to work on specific components of how this will be delivered),
- COVID-19 testing of students and staff, and
- Contact tracing in a school after a positive test.

Regarding communications, the Governor directed that all districts must conduct the following by Friday, August 21:

- At least three discussion sessions with parents which can be held in person or remotely. (To maintain everyone's health and safety, our sessions will be held through a WebEx virtual meeting platform and the schedule for meetings will be sent and posted on Monday, August 10).
- At least one discussion with all teachers and administrators about the details of our reopening plan.

As we continue our planning on the larger plan and for each of these components, we have now posted a revised *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQ) to our [school opening webpage](#). Because there is additional information in the FAQ document and that there are a number of questions to our schoolopening@bscsd.org mailbox that we have not yet been able to answer yet, **we are extending the deadline for the completion of our parent survey to Monday, August 10 at 5:00 pm. Please answer each question to the best of your ability with the current information available.**

Finally, on Monday afternoon, August 10, we will post a revised version of our Reopening Plan based on feedback we have received from ongoing meetings at both the District and building level.

Our continued thanks.

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