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Dear Bemidji High School families,

With the Bemidji School Board's decision to utilize a hybrid model for instruction to begin the school year, we wish to communicate what that will mean for your BHS student and also which week your child will be attending in person. It was also determined by our School Board that the start date for our students would move to September 14th. In light of this, we will use the week of September 8th to allow students to pick up school materials following a specific plan and schedule. All of this information is included for your review.

Our School Board determined, based on the numbers from our county, that the high school would begin the school year with a combination of instruction being in person and on site at BHS and also at home and online using Google Classroom as a learning platform. The result is that we will have two groups of students rotating in and out of our school building on a week by week basis. Group A students will come to school Monday through Friday one week while our Group B students are at home getting their learning through Google Classroom remotely. The following week Group B students will be on site at school while the Group A students will be home and learning remotely.

Expectations for all students are that they attend their classes each day whether in Group A or B or opting into distance learning altogether. Each student will access their learning daily through Google Classroom and have access to videos, live lessons, Google Meets, assignments, and assessments through this platform. Attendance will be tracked on a daily basis.

Your child/family will be on the Group \_\_\_\_\_ week rotation. Attached is a school calendar that lays out the year following a Group A/Group B rotation. Please keep in mind that there may be movement from one model of instruction to another throughout the school year if our county's COVID19 cases dictate us moving to full in school instruction or moving completely to distance learning.

We are sharing this letter and group plan with ALL of our BHS families, even those who have opted-in for Distance Learning this year in case of any changes that may occur as we go through the school year.

**Important dates for the start of the school year:**

- September 8th-11th - Materials Pick-Up Days (see attached schedule)
- September 14th - First Day of School
  - Group A will be in person
  - Group B will be learning remotely
  - Distance learners will begin their learning as scheduled online and remotely from home

Students and families are encouraged to follow our social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) for the latest in updates and information. Please let us know what questions you have along the way as we begin the school year in a hybrid format. Thank you for all you do as parents and families to support your child(ren). We are all in this together! Go Jacks!

Respectfully,

Dr. Jason Stanoch