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Dear BHS Distance Learning students and families:

Recently Bemidji High School shared a plan with all of our BHS families that detailed the A and B Week Hybrid plan. At that time, we shared that each of our students, whether participating in the hybrid plan or the distance learning option, would be assigned one of the letters (A or B). The reason we wanted to communicate an A or B Week for ALL of our students is because it allows us to look at our classroom numbers and guide our planning processes as well.

We also shared the material pick-up day information (September 8th-11th). We are asking ALL of our distance learners to use this same week to pick up any school materials including books, materials, and Chromebooks, etc. Please make a plan to come in during your family's designated time(s) to get those needed supplies to support your learning. Also know that it may be necessary to pick up materials throughout the term as teachers continue to plan their Google Classroom lessons and their teaching of the Minnesota State Standards.

Back to School - 2020-2021			
September 8th - Tuesday Class of 2021 - Seniors (12th)	September 9th - Wednesday Class of 2022 - Juniors (11th)	September 10th - Thursday Class of 2023 - Sophomores (10th)	September 11th - Friday Class of 2024 - Freshmen (9th)
AM - Group A	AM - Group A	AM - Group A	AM - Group A
PM - Group B	PM - Group B	PM - Group B	PM - Group B

*BHS families that have students in multiple grades may select a morning or afternoon that works best.
Morning Material Pick-Up Window - 8:00-11:30
Afternoon Material Pick-Up Window - 12:00-3:30

It is also important to know that if your family selected distance learning for the year, you are able to change your mind at any point. We do ask that you contact our school directly to update us on this change. From there we will be able to explain next steps in the process to return your child(ren) to the classroom setting.

Our first student day of school is September 14th. All of our students should be ready to begin their first term classes on that day - encourage your child(ren) to check his/her school email before September 14th so he/she are all set up and ready in Google Classroom to begin. Like all students, distance learners will be expected to attend school every day; daily attendance will be taken. Truancy will also be filed per State Statute.

Communication throughout the school year will be key to our success together. When questions or concerns arise, please work with the classroom teachers to process through and make a plan together. Our school, families, and students will be successful when we partner together to best support this unique time in learning! Should you have questions along the way, please reach out and ask. Whether it be questions about your child(ren)'s coursework with teachers or logistical concerns about the dynamics of distance learning to our school administration, we would wish to hear from you to work through solutions. We can be reached at 444-1600.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jason Stanoch