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MEMO

To: Board of Education

From: Jesse Bacon

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Re: Hybrid Model for the 3rd Quarter

Over the past several weeks the Bullitt County community has seen an increase in the COVID-19 incident rate. Due to this, (and later directed by the Governor's Executive Order) we transitioned to remote learning, but we also know having our students in-person is academically, socially, and emotionally better for our BCPS students. Input was sought from principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches, and teachers about the benefits and drawbacks of a hybrid model vs. the benefits and drawbacks of remaining in remote learning. The same groups mentioned above assisted with the design of an instructional framework to support teachers in effectively implementing a hybrid model of instruction.

At the beginning of the 3rd nine weeks (January 18th), the proposal is for all students whose families selected in-person learning for the second semester, attend school on an AA/BB schedule for the third quarter (through March 19th) when conditions allow for in-person learning (using multiple metrics including county and district incident rates and internal staffing numbers. The rotational hybrid schedule is the following:

- **Group A:** Monday and Tuesday
- **Remote Learning:** Wednesday
- **Group B:** Thursday and Friday
- **Exceptions:**
 - If/when the weeks we are out of school on a Monday due to holiday, Bullitt Day, etc., then Group A students will attend on Tuesday/Wednesday, and Group B will attend on Thursday/Friday.
 - If/when the weeks we are out of school on a Friday due to holiday, Bullitt Day, etc., then Group A will attend on Monday/Tuesday and Group B will attend on Wednesday/Thursday.

Our DPP Department developed the Group A and Group B student groups by using the Infinite Campus algorithm, provided by the state. This algorithm grouped siblings/students into the same group based on households and then took into consideration numbers of students total in each group so that approximately half of the school enrollment would attend per group.

Below is the calendar that was sent out to staff, students, and the community regarding the proposed schedule:

JANUARY 2021				
M	T	W	R	F
				1 K
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15 Q2
18 H	19	20	21	22
25	26	27 ⑥	28	29

FEBRUARY 2021				
M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15 G	16	17	18	19
22	23	24 ⑦	25	26

MARCH 2021				
M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8 G	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22 Q3	23	24 ⑧	25	26
29	30	31		

X- Non-School Day
G- Bullitt Day

Group A In-Person
Group B In-Person
All Students Remote Learning

The benefits of the AA/BB rotational hybrid schedule is it allows our schools to have smaller groups of students (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of school enrollment in each group) in the building, as a whole, to help with implementing our COVID-19 protocols through our health services department. In addition, the Wednesday remote learning day will allow our custodial staff to sanitize that day between the groups of students in our school facilities. Our student learning team has also been working with our administration teams and instructional coaches to provide a recommended instructional framework for instructional planning and delivery in an AA/BB model.

Approval is requested for Bullitt County Public Schools to implement an AA-Remote-BB Rotational Hybrid schedule for the 3rd nine weeks (when the district is able to return to in-person learning) for students who selected in-person learning for the second half of the school year.