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Dear Bayless Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our greatest concern is the health and safety of our students, their families and our faculty and staff.

I think it is very safe to say that when the Spring Semester concluded in May, everyone in our school community had hopes of returning to some sense of “normalcy” this Fall Semester. Unfortunately, due to the continuing spread of COVID-19, it does not appear things will be back to normal anytime soon...

This is what we know:

We have not yet determined what form of instruction will be used on August 24, or if instruction will now begin on that date. On Thursday, St. Louis County Health recommended that schools not yet make definitive statements as to what instruction will look like when the Fall Semester begins. St. Louis County Executive Sam Page recommended that Districts be prepared to offer full virtual instruction and to be cautious in setting a firm date to resume in-person instruction. BSD is following both of these suggestions.

The “Bayless Return to Instruction Framework” below is subject to change. What instruction will look like this fall is dependent upon what will be happening with COVID-19 in the St. Louis region as the opening of school draws nearer.

Since mid-March when the virus was first detected in our region, the Bayless School District faculty and staff have addressed a wide range of challenges associated with delivering remote instruction to students, providing meals to families, ensuring that the social/emotional needs of our students and employees are met and deciding whether to cancel or postpone special events. This pandemic will likely continue to provide new challenges and learning experiences for all of us.

Despite early predictions to the contrary, the St. Louis region is currently experiencing a significant increase in the number of reported positive cases. Adults, particularly those who are older and those with underlying health conditions, are at increased risk to serious illness from this virus.

To maintain consistency among St. Louis area school districts, superintendents, health care professionals and health department personnel have developed the *Return to School Guidance* document, which the Bayless Schools will use to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 throughout the district if and/or when we return to in-person instruction this fall.

During this continuing pandemic, in order to plan and provide quality instruction for our students, parents have two options to consider *when it is safe to return to in-person instruction*:

Option One: In-Person Learning

Students will receive instruction at school with enhanced health and safety measures, which will focus on social distancing, face coverings as appropriate, hand washing, sanitizing routines, modified blocks of instruction, decreased transition periods, outdoor breaks, multiple bus runs, no large gatherings, etc.

In the event that community spread of COVID-19 warrants schools schedules to be modified or buildings to be closed, some or all instruction will transition to distance learning at home. Instruction will include Bayless teacher-student interaction that promotes academic, social and emotional learning. Students will attend classes online from home on a regular schedule, allowing for an easier transition back to onsite instruction when schools reopen. Online participation is necessary for attendance requirements and grading policies will apply to the scheduled course.

Option Two: Virtual Learning

Parents may choose students to attend all classes online from home on a structured schedule using a digital platform. Bayless staff members may provide live (synchronous) and recorded (asynchronous) instruction, maintain connections, and support students' work on core and elective courses. Minimum daily screen time may range from two to six hours depending upon a student's grade level. Additional independent practice, course assignments, and assessments will be required. Participation is necessary for attendance requirements and grading policies will apply to the scheduled course. Parents who select this option will be choosing it for their student(s) for the entire semester.

In the coming days, building principals will reach out to you and request which of the two options you will pick for your student(s) when it is safe to return to the school buildings. The principals will impose a deadline for when this decision must be made so that the faculty and staff can plan accordingly. More building-specific information, including information about special services, will be shared with you in the upcoming weeks to assist you and your students in preparing for instruction.

Regardless of what the future may hold, be assured that the Bayless faculty and staff will be ready to partner with you to ensure that your student(s) continues to learn and grow safely.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Tucker

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IN-PERSON ACTION PLAN



Questions? Please contact your school principal or email covid19@bayless.k12.mo.us

Academics & Curriculum

- Class schedule changes will be implemented at each level to minimize exposure.
- Classroom layout and instructional practices will be modified to allow for social distancing.
- Students will practice social distancing while moving through the hallways.
- PE will be taught outside as much as possible.

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Attendance, Health and Hygiene

- Parents must conduct a daily wellness check of their child(ren) in accordance with the COVID-19 Health Checklist, which will be provided by the District. If your child is not feeling well for any reason, you must keep him/her home.
- If your child is not feeling well, for any reason, he/she will be sent home.
- All staff must complete a standardized self-assessment screening before reporting to work. The staff member will not be permitted to work if they fail the screening process.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the classrooms and buildings and students will be required to wash their hands multiple times a day.
- Before attending in person, ALL students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization. There will be no exemptions made unless your child has a medical exemption from a physician, or a religious exemption from the health department. These exemptions must be on file before the first day of school. If you have any questions regarding immunizations, please contact your school nurse.



Masks

- At this time, all faculty and staff will be required to wear a mask. A face shield will be provided to all faculty.
- At this time, students in Grade 4 and up will be required to wear a mask.
- Staff and students will be instructed on the proper manner in which a face covering should be worn.
- Any student (PK-3) may wear a mask if he or she so chooses.



Daily Procedures

Meals

Staggered lunch periods and alternative locations for lunch will be utilized for social distancing purposes.



Arrival

Students will arrive in shifts based on bus arrivals and go in all entrances available in the front of the building. Parents will not be able to walk students into the building.

Dismissal

Student dismissal will be staggered based upon bus routes and transportation methods and use all exits available throughout the building.

Cleaning

There will be building-wide intensive cleaning and sanitizing daily, using approved disinfectants. High-traffic areas will experience increased cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day.

Volunteers & Visitors

No parents, visitors, or volunteers will be permitted into the buildings until further notice.

Transportation



- We plan to provide two runs on each route to promote social distancing on our busses. The school transportation director will assign bus times and stops. All students will be assigned seats. All bus routes are less than 15 minutes in length.
- Bus drivers will be wearing masks while students are present on the bus. Buses will be disinfected repeatedly daily.
- Students will be social distanced on all buses, one student per seat. Students will be seated by the window or seated by the aisle, every other seat.
- Parents are encouraged to allow their child to walk to/from school, or provide transportation to and from school.
- If riding a bus, all students Grades 4 and up must wear a mask.
- Students must fill seats from back to front and will have assigned seating.

Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities

- Tutoring will continue as planned with appropriate social distancing.
- All extracurricular activities will be conducted using social distancing guidelines. More information will be shared by activity sponsors.



Community Support & Outreach

Counselors, nurses and social workers will continue to be available to support families.



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VIRTUAL ACTION PLAN



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Access

- Virtual learning will be offered as a choice for parents during the 20-21 school year, even if school is operating on an in-person basis. Parents may choose online learning but must agree to use the option for the entire semester to provide continuity.
- If Bayless must close buildings due to COVID, all student learning will move to ALL VIRTUAL instruction and each student will follow this plan.



Academics & Curriculum

- Students will be required to complete lessons and class assignments. The specific daily schedule will be shared in August by your principal or teacher.
- Lessons and activities will be shared regularly from grade level teachers and will follow state approved curricular standards.
- Students are expected to engage in daily screen time depending upon their grade level. Independent practice, course assignments, and assessments will be required.
- In the High School and Junior High School, content instruction and assessment will be provided through *Edgenuity*, and other platforms, which will provide video content and lessons.
- Supplemental instruction for English Language Arts and Mathematics may be provided through *i-Ready*, *Google Classroom*, and *Zoom*.
- In the High School, *Edgenuity* online instruction provides a full online program with a variety of core and elective courses that meet Missouri graduation requirements.
- Bayless School District's highly-qualified and certified teachers will be directly assigned to monitor student progress, provide feedback on student work, and answer questions.
- Eligible students will continue to receive services provided or arranged by Special School District

Technology

- All students must have home internet access and computers.
- Please contact your building principal if you do not have Wi-Fi in your home and/or need a Chromebook for your child.
- Parents and students will be responsible for the care of district provided technology.



Programming

Assessments

All students are expected to participate in local and state assessments which may be required during the year.

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Grades

- Grades will reflect a student's performance on assignments, assessments and mastery of the grade level standards.
- Grades will be assigned in a traditional format and recorded on quarterly report cards.

Work Completion

Students will be expected to complete all course work, submit assignments on time, and communicate frequently with their teachers.

Schedule

- Online classes will follow the District calendar. The first day of school is August 24, 2020. Students choosing virtual instruction for the first semester will begin online classes that day.
- If Bayless must close our buildings for COVID related issues, virtual instruction will begin as soon as directed by the principal.

Parent Expectations

- Parents will review the student work regularly and closely monitor teacher and course updates which will be regularly sent.
- Parents will contact Bayless teachers with academic questions or concerns.
- Elementary parents will review child(ren)'s work completion and progress daily by accessing *Seesaw* and *i-Ready*.

Focus on Flexibility

During this most unusual time, our virtual option is designed to provide flexibility to maintain safety and learning for all.

Virtual instruction allows Bayless to provide for our community in the event of building closures or enhanced social-distancing orders from County or State government.

Virtual learning is highly specialized for each grade level. You will receive detailed information about virtual instruction from your grade-level teacher and principal before the start of school.

Community Support & Outreach

Counselors, nurses and social workers will continue to be available to support families who choose virtual education or in the event Bayless must close our buildings.

