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Dear BRS Community,

I hope this letter finds you excited for the start of a new school year. For me, the school supplies that covered my dining room table are now packed away in backpacks, lunch boxes are ready to go on the counter and we had a lively debate about which water bottle was best to use (it's the Swill one, in case you are curious, although I suspect it has more to do with the fact there are cats printed on it than the actual brand name!)

We wanted to update you on our ingress and egress procedures for parent pick up. As we reviewed our plan we made some final adjustments to continue to limit volume of students. Please note: these times do not apply to the shortened Kindergarten schedule. Kindergarten parents should follow the schedule below:

- Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:00-10:00 am (only students with last name L-Z) Drop off at the North entrance.
- Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:00-10:00 am (only students with last name A-K) Drop off at the North entrance. \***NO** bus transportation on either of these days.
- Thursday, September 10th & Friday, September 11th (11:25 dismissal)  
(Bus transportation will be provided AM ONLY, follow the drop off guidelines below. For 11:25 pick up, you may pick up at the North entrance.)
- Monday September 14th, first full day for all Kindergarten students. Please follow ingress and egress procedures detailed below.

**Ingress:** Student drop offs will be done in two waves at the **South entrance only**. The first drop off time will be at 8:20 for students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. The second drop off will be at 8:35 for students in grades K, 1, 2 and MAG. Siblings may come in with either group. We have a number of adults, including our Kindergarten Teacher Assistants, who will be stationed throughout the building and outside to support our youngest students. Our Kindergarten Teacher Assistants will gather the incoming Kindergarten students and walk them up as a group. They will follow all social distancing guidelines and will be teaching the children how to do so as well. Students in **grade 4** will proceed up the stairs to D wing entrance and enter the school building through the outer D wing door. All other students will immediately enter the school building through the south entrance where faculty/staff will be assigned in the hallways to monitor students in maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Please see the pictures and the description below to describe the flow of traffic.

All **buses** will be dropping students off at the North entrance **only**. Buses will be unloaded one at a time, from the front to the back of the bus.

- Students in **kindergarten and grade 1** classes facing the parking lot will enter the school building through their outer classroom doors. (This applies to the following teachers: Mrs. Grabowski (K), Mrs. Farnen (K), Mrs. CoFrancesco (K) and Mrs. Dempsey (K). Mrs. Thompson (1), Mrs. Fanelli (1) and Mr. McClain (1).
- **All other Kindergarten, grade 1, 2, and MAG** students will enter the school building through the main front entrance on a staggered arrival to class
- **Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6** will enter the school building through the cafeteria entrance on a staggered arrival to class.

**Egress:** Students will be dismissed for parent pick up in waves.

- Wave 1 at 2:50 students in grades Kindergarten and second grade (12:50 on early dismissal days)
- Wave 2 at 3:00 students in grades 1, 3 and MAG. (1:00 on early dismissal days)
- Wave 3 at 3:10 students in grades 4, 5 and 6. (1:10 on early dismissal days)

Students will either be in South Assembly or South Gym. Students will be seated first by grade and then by class. They will be spaced six feet apart and will be monitored by adults. Again, our youngest students will be walked to our dismissal area down south by a Teacher Assistant. We will also have numerous adults stationed in hallways and outside to support our dismissal procedure. For egress, we ask that older students get picked up with their **younger** sibling.

Ingress and egress will be contactless. We ask that you pull up to the adults stationed outside and have your child's name clearly visible on a sheet of paper in your windshield. Please have your identification ready and wear a mask. We will radio the adults inside who will collect your child and send them outside.

Traffic flow will be different as well. **No parents may enter the typical entrance and proceed North or South during ingress and egress hours.** In order to drop off your child, please enter the south entrance. This was formerly one way traffic, but has now been made two way. Follow the arrows and cones to circle past the South school entrance to the student drop off area where an adult will be stationed. Pictures below detail the path you will follow.

We do expect ingress and egress to take longer than usual as we adjust to this new schedule. Please be patient and allow for extra time!

One other note; we are continuing to interview and hire new staff. Our next communication to you will include a detailed list of the new teachers that were hired, as well as the staff who are working in new roles temporarily. Please know, we are hiring only certified teachers, some of whom are experienced educators looking for some new and different opportunities. We are excited that they are joining our school and know that they will be greeted with warmth and support from the Beecher community.

It has been said often: these are unprecedented times we are living in and working through. Beecher is unique in that we are one of the largest elementary schools in the state which does pose for some unusual challenges during times like these. We ask for your patience as we navigate through this unusual situation.

Thank you for your continued support. We can not WAIT to welcome your child back to school!  
Warmly,  
Analisa Sherman



Enter from the South Entrance. This has been altered for two-way traffic.



Proceed up the back of the South school. Follow all arrows and cones.



Continue driving past the student drop off area. You will circle around before dropping your child off.



Circle around the center island and go past the South school entrance.



Pull into the drop off area to drop off and pick up your child. Proceed forward to exit the same way you entered.



You will not be permitted to enter South school should you come in through the usual entrance.

***Our Mission***

***Beecher Road School is a caring, creative community that models and inspires the joy of life-long learning, embraces diversity, and celebrates the unique qualities of each person.***