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Parent Meeting with Director Joan Roman  
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## What is the plan for social distancing in the classroom, during specials, recess, bus, etc?

Under Plan A, the Governor and NC Department of Health and Human Services states that “Minimal distancing is required” It goes on to say

Classrooms: “Under Plan B only, schools are required to:

Limit the total number of students, teachers, staff and visitors within a school building to the extent necessary to ensure that 6 feet distance can be maintained when people will be stationary (e.g. when seated in classrooms, waiting in lines, in restrooms and locker rooms. In cafeterias, other indoor school settings where people may congregate. ,



Will any social distancing occur in classrooms with classes at max capacity?

Minimal social distancing will be accomplished within the K-5 classrooms in accordance with the information set forth in the NC Strong Schools Toolkit K-12.



Will the class size increase? Will the kids be 6 feet apart?

Yes, class size will increase.

No, students in K-5 will not be 6 feet apart.



What are the maximum class sizes by grade under this social distancing guideline?  
Will the classes be permitted or encouraged to purchase desk shields? If we are transitioning from online, are last years uniforms still permitted?

Maximum class size = 30

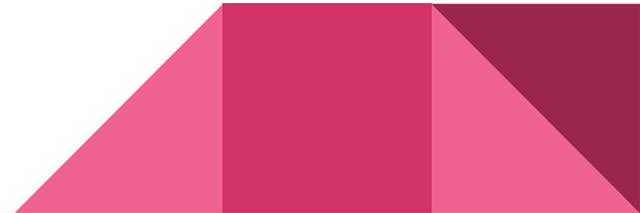
Parents have the option to purchase desk shields.

We are under new management and therefore the new logo is a requirement.  
Therefore, new polos are required.



What will the kindergarten class maximum class limit be? How will the students be spaced safe distance from peers?

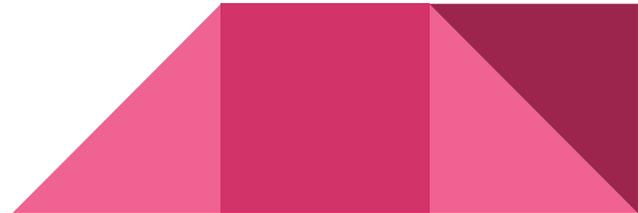
The maximum size for kindergarten classes is 26. Students are currently seated 2 to a table. Additional tables will be added and we will distance as permissible.



I would just like more details about how spacing will be maintained, cleaning frequency, etc. Thanks!

6 foot spacing in our K- 5 classrooms will not be maintained, we will follow the requirements set forth in the *NC Healthy Schools Toolkit K-12*.

Our cleaning protocols will remain the same: 3 custodians rotating within the building, wiping handrails and doorknobs every 90 minutes and cleaning bathrooms every 90 minutes.

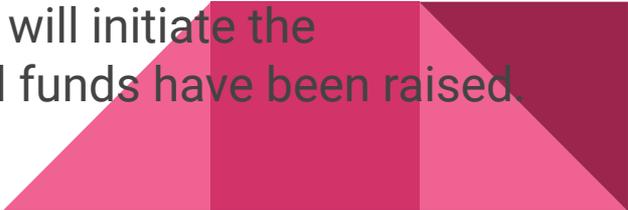


1. What is max students per classroom for each grade? If greater than 24, why are you no longer following original commitment? Can we get pics of how close desk will be in new setup? 2. Now that playgrounds have opened when will you start building ours? 3. Saw email about men in BC, what is status of PTO/PTA for all parents to join and get engaged?

The maximum number of students per classroom is 30. We will realize 26 at kindergarten. Part of this is a function of the number of in-person versus online students and the necessary distribution of staff.

When our classrooms are set up (we are currently repositioning furniture that was removed) we will send out pictures.

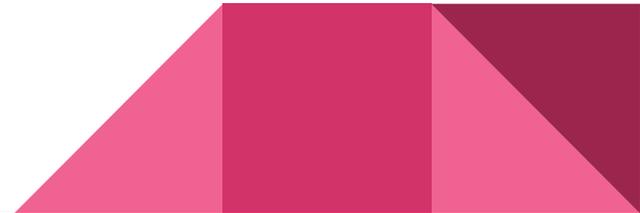
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## Playground

At this time, our goal is to provide maximum distancing at recess. As we begin this transition to Plan A, we have begun the conversations with the Town of Huntersville and will initiate the playground when all permitting is completed and the total funds have been raised.

We have raised approximately \$30,000 and continue to apply for grants. Please know that it will take nearly \$100,000 to complete this project.

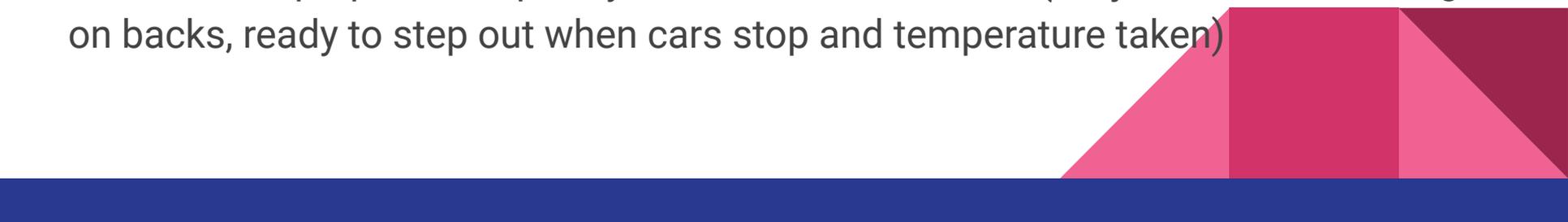


Explain class size especially for kindergarten will there be over 20 kids in one classroom and how will the school keep them safe and sanitized 6 feet apart. All things needed to keep the risk low? Drop off and pick up with double the cars how will that change?

Again, we will have minimal social distancing under Plan A.

We will follow our sanitation schedule of all high touch surfaces , bathrooms and common areas every 90 minutes. Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms. Nightly aerosolized disinfectant (backpack sprayer) is used in every classroom.

Drop off and pick up will remain the same; therefore, it is essential that all students are prepared to quickly exit their cars at arrival (i.e. jackets on, bookbags on backs, ready to step out when cars stop and temperature taken)



# Transportation

School Transportation: If a school transportation vehicle serves kindergarten through 5th grade in addition to other grades, from October 5th, 2020, until further notice, the school transportation vehicle must operate under Plan B.

The requirement for school transportation under Plan B is: • No more than one passenger can be seated per school bus seat (considerations for family members to share one seat)



For families choosing to remain virtual for the full year, what changes will be made to ensure 2 hours of online instruction is as impactful as in-person classes?

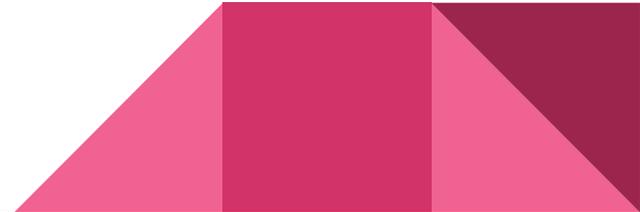
For K-5 families choosing to remain online for the full year, the teachers are co-planning to ensure that the content delivered mirrors what is being taught in-person. Although it is not possible to totally reproduce what happens in an in-person learning environment, teacher observations and feedback from the administration will assist in keeping the online learners up to speed.



## Will specials and after school clubs be extended to virtual students?

After school clubs may open enrollment as they have room and appropriate staffing. If students in grades 6 & 7 join, social distancing is still required for all participants.

We are looking into virtual clubs at this time, but we do not have any scheduled.



## Can we have commitment to remote unit January and then re-evaluate?

Due to the capacity of the classrooms and the logistical considerations in making more frequent shifts, this is a commitment that will need to be for the remainder of the academic year. Any shifts outside of that will occur if it is an executive order from the Governor or the local health department is issued.



Curriculum: how will content covered be made equitable for the families that choose to stay remote?

Future Adjustments: will there be any future options to re evaluate again for remote families to opt in to in person in the spring if cases improve drastically or if the governor lifts all restrictions?

If the Governor lifts all restrictions, we will consider future adjustments.



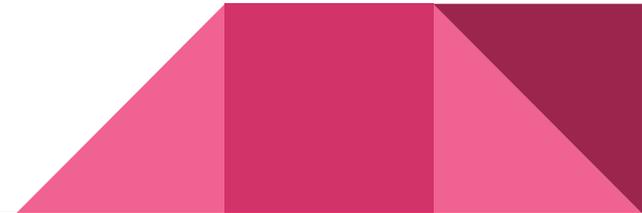
For the children that are unable to attend in class is there a way to set up zoom in the class and the at home learners can listen in to what is being taught to the in school learners.

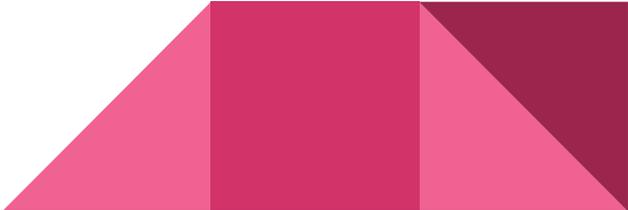
Although we have investigated this option, we do not, at this time, have a viable solution for camera and audio quality and a means for protecting privacy of all students.

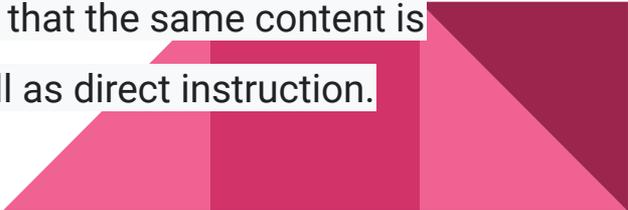


If we commit to 100% remote--is there a plan to provide more than 2 hours of teacher instruction?

We are working at grade levels to determine the appropriate online instructional hours. This will vary as the child's age increases.



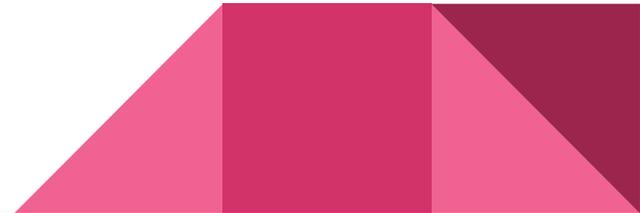
1. Have you had positive COVID cases at BCCA this year (student or staff)?
    - a. No, we have had no confirmed cases of COVID in students or staff.
  
  2. What health and safety standards will the school be taking? Will the students still be physically distanced in the classroom? At what distance (6 feet? 3 feet?) What about during lunch and recess?
    - a. We are following the requirements set forth in the *NC Healthy Schools Toolkit K-12*. Under Plan A, 6 foot distancing is not required. Depending on the classroom layout and furniture, distancing may be less than 3 feet.
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3. If the governor allows unmasking and BCCA allows unmasking, will parents have the option to return to online education, as this is a major safety issue for those of us with immunocompromised family members?
    - a. The Governor has repeatedly stated that masks are required and have proven to minimize the risk of exposure. We will continue to require masks unless an individual has a medical exemption.
  
  4. As the in-person students will eventually have full days of instruction 5 days / week, what changes will be made to the online curriculum (days, duration, classes, etc.), if any, to keep pace with in-person learners? Will the same content be covered in each format?
    - a. Our online and in-person teachers are co-planning to ensure that the same content is taught. We will be mindful of appropriate screen time as well as direct instruction.
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5. Will online students be placed as a group into a new classroom (with other kids who are “new” to in-person learning, or will they be placed into various existing classes?
    - a. In most cases, students transitioning from online to in-person will be added to an existing in-person class.
  
  6. What steps will be taken to integrate online learners into an in-person classroom, as they are unfamiliar with the procedures and rhythms of the current school culture? This is particularly relevant if students will be placed in existing classes rather than a new class filled with online transfer students only.
    - a. Teachers will be reviewing the expectations and facilitating team building with their newly added scholars.
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7. if the governor moves back to Plan B, what will happen to in-person learners?
    - a. We will move back to a two-day per week in-person learning and three days of remote, asynchronous learning.
  
  8. Will there be tailored instruction in in-person classrooms, according to MAP testing results (e.g. extra assistance for those who need it, and supplemental / challenging work for those who are ready for it)?
    - a. Yes, our remediation and enrichment will be a part of daily instruction during W.I.N. time.
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9. What will happen if a student needs to quarantine due to possible exposure? Will they take virtual classes, or only do asynchronous learning?
- a. Students who need to be quarantined will have assignments posted in Google Classroom. This may include recorded lessons and/or asynchronous work.
10. Will students who were online for the first quarter be eligible to ride the bus at an existing bus stop?
- a. Yes



Now that my children will be in school more frequently will I have an opportunity to meet my child's teacher? Now that they will be in school more will I have an opportunity to see their classroom? Will there now be opportunities for parent volunteers? If my children are in school more days I would like to play a more active role in their education.. supporting their teacher.. and being in the classroom.

All parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher during parent teacher conferences on or before October 20. Teachers will share photos of the classroom.

Volunteers will not yet be permitted into the building during the instructional day. The change to Plan A is for K-5 students; adults still bring the same level of risk.



Will the dads program begin again?. Will the school begin pta and other activities now to bring the students, parents, and teachers together? (Fall festival, fun run, etc)

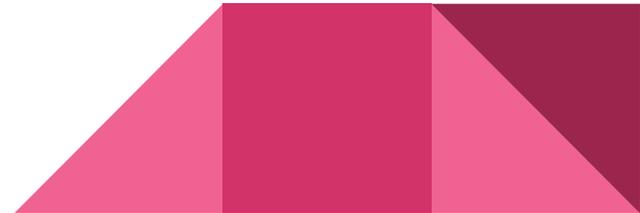
We are beginning to engage our “Be There Dads” in activities that permit small group and socially distanced assistance while outside.

The Governor’s announcement to permit the return to Plan A for K-5 students does not encompass whole school activities and parental gatherings that the size of a fall festival or fun run would entail.



Will the students currently going on Wednesday's still be able to get more one on one learning opportunities?

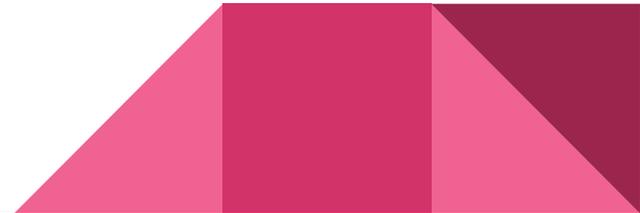
Yes, as recipients of Title I funds, we are able to provide some small group interventions in our learning lab facilitated by Ms. Mercer as well as additional small group interventions within the classroom during W.I.N. time.



Will this slow down the process if we're wanting to set up an IEP or 504 for our child?  
Will the kindergarten classes have a full time assistant teacher now?

IEP and 504 processes will not be impacted by the shift to Plan A.

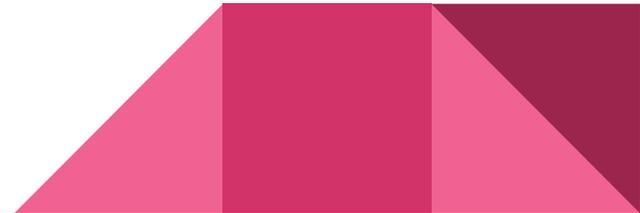
We are hiring additional aides for our kindergarten classrooms. The plan is for one aide per kindergarten classroom.



Will kids receive speech services in school now? Will Kindergarten be released 15 minutes earlier like previously discussed before we dropped to 50% capacity?

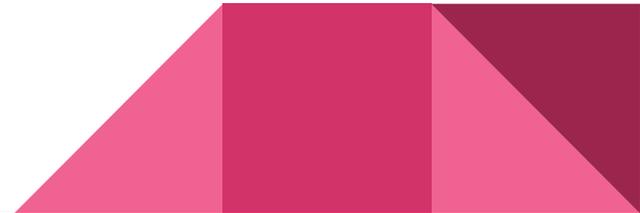
Speech services are provided in accordance with the student's IEP. Our contracted service provider is only offering virtual services at this time.

Although we are moving to Plan A for K-5, with the number of students still committed to online learning, we will not have our full population in attendance at the building. Therefore, there is no plan, at this time, to change our Kindergarten dismissal time.



## If our children remain remote, will they be able to keep the same teacher?

Not necessarily. If there are more students moving to in-person than our current in-person classrooms will hold, we will need to move an online teacher to in-person. Therefore, there may be some shifts in online teachers.



Will the current school calendar change? Will Oct 19th still be a no school day?  
Will precious remote learning days be in person or no school days?

We are not making material changes to our school calendar.

As shared in the K-5 and 6-7 letters, we have adjusted our whole school “Remote Days” to Fridays up to the Thanksgiving holiday. These days will allow for deep cleanings to take place without students in the buildings.

October 19 is a Teacher Workday, no school for students

October 20 is Parent/Teacher Conferences, no school for students.



As of right now, I work remote but I might have to go back to work in February. If I select remote for my child, can she go in-person in feb if I have to return to work?

At this time, the commitment to be made is for the remainder of the academic year.



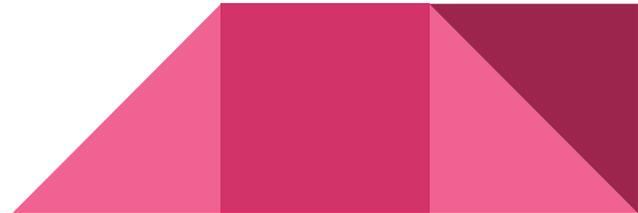
What is the logic behind not letting students make any changes to the virtual vs in-person passed mid-October given the changing nature of the pandemic and family needs?

Changing rosters is challenging at anytime of the year. With the Pandemic, there are even more considerations. Moving students to and from in-person to online learning and back again affects:

Master Schedule	Teacher Planning
Class Size	Grade Book
Transportation	Textbook Distribution
Lunch Schedule	Classroom Layout
Arrival /Dismissal	Cleaning Schedules and more

For virtual school, will class sizes change? Is there a max number of students per virtual class?

Class sizes may change based on the number of students who return to in-person learning. There is not a maximum, however we do want it to be manageable for the teacher. At each grade level, this will be evaluated based on the number of online teachers and the number of students who have opted for online only.



Will the K classes know if their teacher will be changing prior to having to make this decision?

No, in order to effectively plan, we must know how many students are attending under each plan. The commitment for in-person or online learning must be made by Friday, October 2, in order for us to know how many students have opted for each plan. Therefore, we will not be able to indicate changes in teachers until a commitment has been made.



Thanks so much for letting the kids go back! Is Oct 19 still a workday? How will the parent/teacher conferences work on the 20th? When will we find out if our kids get new teachers or not? What are the plans for a playground? Will bus schedules change?

October 19th is a teacher workday - no school for students.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held virtually and/or in-person. Each teacher will schedule these. This is also a no school day for students.

The survey forms for online and in-person learning are due on Friday, October 2. Notification of class placement will occur by Wednesday, October 7.

With the return to Plan A for students inK-5, it is possible that the bus schedules will change. This will also be communicated by Wednesday, October 7.

## Will BCCA reopen enrollment for after-school programs under Plan A?

After school programs may reopen their enrollment as their capacity and staffing allows.



What will happen if a student tests positive in a class? Will they be able to do virtual school while in quarantine?

If a student tests positive, we are required to report this and to follow the guidance of NC Department of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS). We will follow the guidance and protocols they set forth. They will conduct the contact tracing and inform each individual of the requirements for isolation and quarantine.



If a family is or ends up facing medical reasons that makes their current choice a real problem, will there be anything set up for exceptions?

This will be reviewed on a case by case basis.



# How does this apply to Middle School?

- Middle School must remain in Plan B with 6 ft. distancing. Therefore, our buses will continue with the current plan
- Middle School students will attend classes which allow for 6 ft. distancing
- In order to closely mirror the K-5 Plan A schedule, Middle School will move to 4 days in-person, Monday-Thursday. Students will no longer attend on the A/B rotation in-person.
- If you don't respond to the survey, we will assume your child is remaining in their current situation (i.e. remote will stay remote; in-person will stay in-person but move to 4 days per week in school, Monday-Thursday)