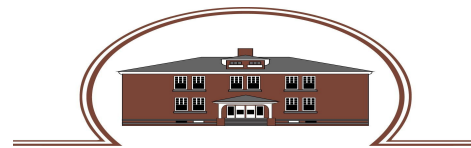


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September 23, 2020

Good evening BUUSD,

In Governor Scott's press conference yesterday, the Secretary of Education, Dan French, announced that he is moving all Vermont schools into Step 3 of the [Strong & Healthy Start Guidance](#) beginning on Saturday, September 26th. Step 3's guidance takes the array of health and safety protocols that we have put in place and makes them strong suggestions, but not necessarily requirements.

This summer, when our COVID-19 Planning Team - composed of teachers, administration, nurses, and support staff - created our plan, we aimed to maximize safety and provide consistency for students and staff between Steps 2 and 3. Because of this, the announcement to move to Step 3 does not immediately change our plan. BUUSD schools will continue to operate with the schedule we have in place, our current health and safety protocols, and our established cleaning routines. As the guidance is updated, BUUSD will continue to reflect on our plan and examine our capacity in an effort to maximize the safety of our students and community while still providing high-quality education to our kids.

Step 3 also creates the opportunity for our athletic teams to play games and matches against other schools. Our Athletic Director is working closely with other Athletic Directors around the state to develop spectator guidelines that meet the guidance defined in Step 3. We will be sharing spectator guidelines by the end of the week.

We want to thank you again for doing your part in the community so we can continue in-person learning by wearing your masks, washing your hands, and socially distancing. We truly appreciate your cooperation and understanding during these ever-changing times and we will continue to be Barre Strong.

Sincerely,

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