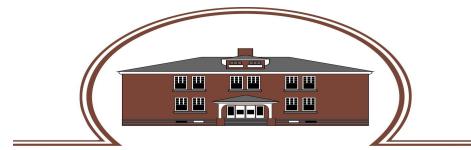


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August 19, 2020

Dear Barre teachers and staff,

I know you are busier than ever getting ready for the start of our unusual school year. I cannot thank you enough for all the planning and hard work you are doing for our Barre students. I have a few important updates for you as we all get ready.

Sincerely,

David Wells
Superintendent
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Out of State Travel and Your Responsibility

Last week Carol Marold sent a communication about out of state travel. We are sending this again, and ask that anyone traveling outside of the state to review and plan accordingly.

<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

Considering that a two-week quarantine may be needed, and your contractual duties start within two weeks, you will need to consider what is essential travel and the rating of the area that you will visit. Unless you have been pre-approved, before you travel, you may not be covered by an approved leave. Planned trips would not be considered an emergency.

Out of state travel for medical reasons, although essential in nature, is in no way exempt from the above considerations. Please make sure you are requesting leave with your administrator prior to your travel. Also, please call HR if you are traveling for medical reasons. This may be covered by FMLA, VPFLA, etc.

Inservice will be a combination of in-person and virtual events. You will be expected to return to school during that time. If you are planning to be absent for any of that time, please notify your administrator immediately.

Please contact Carol Marold (cmarobsu@buUSD.org) if you have any questions or submit a question at buUSD.org/departments/human-resources

Caring For Your Own Children

Teachers are working hard to juggle schedules and teach Barre students. To make this a bit easier, teachers with children who attend the same school where they work will be allowed to have their children stay in the classroom before and after school. Children would need to stay in their parent's room. This would only apply to a teacher's own

children. Please keep in mind that one's own children should not be present when confidential conversations are taking place.

Teachers with children attending another BUUSD school would be permitted to take a short break (such as during a lunch break, etc.) to drive their children home as long as they can be on time and attend to their professional duties at school and would not need coverage for their class to make these trips.

Requests For Additional PPE

Teachers and staff have the option of bringing their own face coverings each day. BUUSD will also have a supply of face coverings for teachers and staff who need them. Teachers and staff who need to have routine close contact with children (less than 3 feet for periods longer than 15 minutes) will be provided with additional PPE. BUUSD will also provide protective barriers in specific situations where there is routine close contact. Direct supervisors will reach out to staff about this.

Teachers and staff are asked not to install barriers (e.g plexiglass, curtains, etc.) on their own. This is to maintain safety from classroom to classroom and to focus on priority areas needing additional PPE. Please reach out to your building principal if you have concerns.

Room Ventilation and Personal Fans

Our ventilation systems are operating better than ever. We are changing air filters twice as often as we previously have. Ventilation systems normally only run throughout each school day, but now we are running them 24 hours a day Monday through Friday. The ventilation system works by bringing in air from outside the building, filtering it, then exhausting the stale air from inside the classrooms back outside the building.

Any further questions, please contact Jamie Evans at jevanbsu@buusd.org

Additionally, personal fans should only be used if they are blowing air out of an open window. This helps remove stale air from a room. Personal fans may not be used to blow air around the inside of a room because this can spread virus particles beyond the recommended six-foot distance.