

BSNBCS Education Committee Report
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Members: Leticia Theodore-Greene, Kevin Nesbit, Cecelia M. Russo, chair

Communication with the Executive Director, Mr. Nick Tishuk and Principal, Ms. Patience Brown was not formally held for this month, but numerous written exchanges occurred.

The chair asked for input from the principal. Answers were sent from Elisabeth Young for Ms. Brown- see attachments of Opening activities

Mr. Tishuk provided updates:

1. Most employees have returned to in- person work.
2. About half of families have opted to remote learning for the first quarter- September - November
3. Staff PDs began week of August 10
4. Planning & preparation for remote learning, parent contact & student engagement began week of August 24.

The calendar for opening of the DOE schools does not impact on BSNBCS.

5. In-person learning began September 8; remote learning in parallel
Currently 713 students enrolled- slightly more than half working remotely;
possibility of more opting for in person in second quarter-after November.

6. All employees have workspaces that have proper airflow, air-purifiers, additional access to cleaning supplies, handwashing, access to masks, face shields, gowns, gloves as needed.

7. The entire building exhibits social distancing.

8. SEL (Social Emotional Learning) framework includes individual check-ins with students, group discussions, formal activities within the class context to discuss the effects of racism. The students are being given structured opportunities to share their feelings, to discuss and contextualize what they have been exposed to and how it affects them personally.

9. Much support around technical advice has been provided to the parents relating to remote learning and /or their decision about their child's instruction. The school has made it a top priority to keep parents informed every day- sending documents, answering questions about technical and/or their child's learning, by phone and/or one on one meetings.

Leticia sent informational material from local agencies for programs/ helpful sites to Ms. Brown for the school to distribute. - see attachments.

The committee has not engaged with the parents but will plan for such activities for the future.

Respectfully submitted

Cecelia M. Russo



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Main Office Changes

order to provide the safest educational experience possible the following changes will be in effect upon reopening

- ▶ No visitors or parents allowed in the main office or school building
- ▶ In order to enter the building for ANY reason, you **MUST** have an appointment *Examples: IEP Meeting, SST Parent Meeting, etc)*
- ▶ No lunch or snack drop offs- All food must be sent to school with your child upon arrival

Early Pick Ups must be planned in advance- office must receive notice of early pick by noon the day of early pick up. Early pick ends after 2pm

All school letter requests should be sent to office@bsnbcs.org



HAVE QUESTIONS?

SST HAS FAMILY SUPPORT

Welcome to the 2020 - 2021 School Year

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE SST FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM?

For Lower School support, contact our Behavior Specialist

Ms. V. Jones; vjones@bsnbcs.org

Ms. Brickhouse; sbrickhouse@bsnbcs.org

Mr. W; lwynaar@bsnbcs.org

Ms. Duroska; cduroska@bsnbcs.org

For Middle School support, contact our Behavior Specialist

Mr. Dominguez; jdominguez@bsnbcs.org

Mr. Solano; ssolano@bsnbcs.org

Ms. S. Jones, Student Accountability Coordinator;

sjones@bsnbcs.org

Ms. Julien, Coordinator of Student Affairs; ljulien@bsnbcs.org

WHO ARE OTHER SST FAMILY SUPPORT CONTACTS?

Ms. Young, Family & Community Engagement Manager;

eyoung@bsnbcs.org

Ms. Williams, Social Worker; kwilliams@bsnbcs.org

Ms. Robinson, Counselor; arobinson@bsnbcs.org



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THE 700 CLUB: HOW TO BUILD AND KEEP YOUR SAVINGS

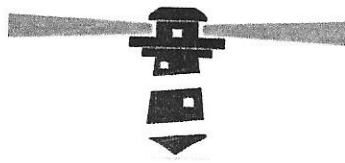
SEPTEMBER 14 @ 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**CENTER FOR
PERSONAL
FINANCIAL HEALTH**

This is a group for people that want the knowledge and support of others to help improve their credit score and strengthen their finances in these difficult times. Led by Molly Ornati, Restoration's Assistant Director for the Center for Personal Financial Health, expect to learn new things and share what you know and learn from others to help keep you motivated and on track to realize your goals.

[TO REGISTER FOR CLICK HERE](#)

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**DREAM
& DO**

KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE AND OTHER SERVICES

**TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS
10 AM**

We are here for your immediate needs and your long term goals. During this pandemic, we are your partner to develop your plan to pursue your dreams. New and current members are invited to our virtual session. We offer:

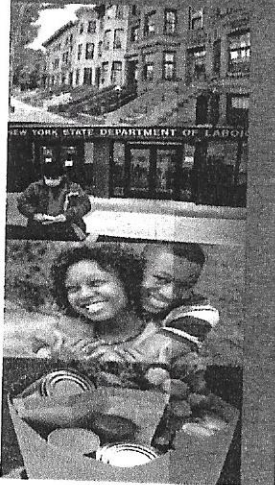
- Benefits Support and Social Service Referrals
- Financial Coaching and Counseling
- Free Tax Preparation
- Job Training and Placement
- Mental Health Supports
- Other Social Service Referrals

To register, visit:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7230602177503681803>

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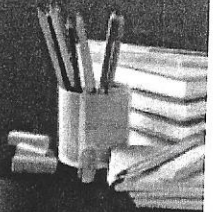
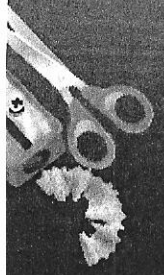
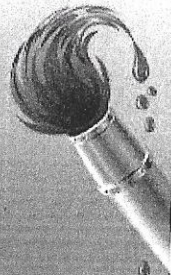
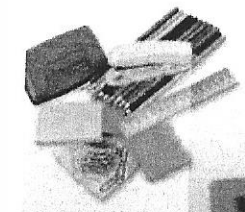
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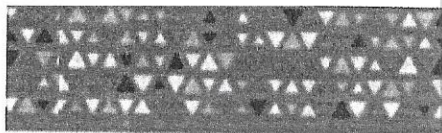
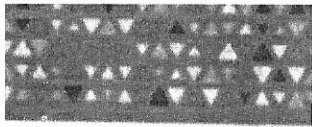
Back to School GIVEAWAY

Wednesday Sept. 16 @11am -12pm
999 Greene Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11221

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| Folders | Constrictor Paper |
| Notebooks | Snacks |
| Binders | Looseleaf Paper |
| &MORE | |

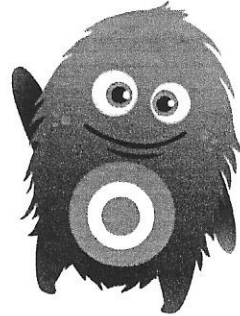
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**6th grade
NO LONGER USES
CLASSDOJO**



Check your email for an invitation to sign in to
MYSCHOOL

MYSCHOOL LET'S YOU

- Check your child's grades
- Check your child's attendance
- Check your child's assignments

Communicate with Ms. Young and your child's
teachers :)


ALSO WE HAVE **LIVESCHOOL**, AN APP TO
give points to child for positive choices and hard
work

STAY TUNED ON HOW TO GET CONNECTED!

Email me with questions

eyoung@bsnbcs.org



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HELP NOW NYC

Assistance for Individuals

Due to the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on New York City's workforce, the City of New York has developed a list of resources for those who may be unemployed due to COVID-19 or are seeking additional assistance. The list will be updated frequently. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19, please visit [NYC.gov/coronavirus](https://nyc.gov/coronavirus), call 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115), or visit [311 online](#). You can also text "COVID" to 692-692 for updates and information, or text "COVIDESP" to 692-692 for updates in Spanish.

[For more information, click here](#)

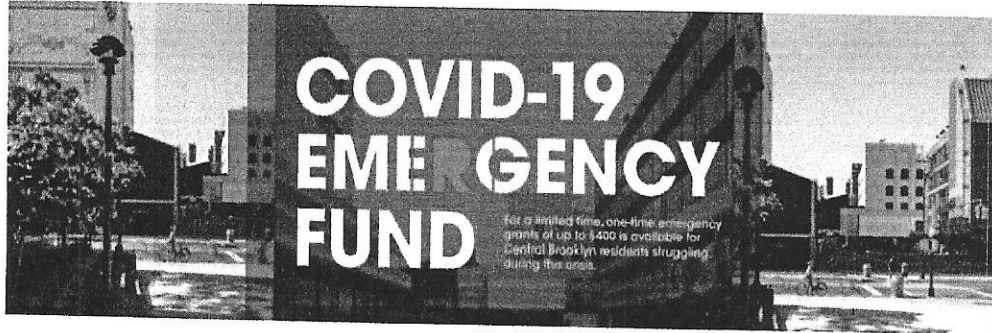
On this website you will find additional information for financial assistance in the following area; Employment Resources, Food Assistance, Health & Medical Assistance, Financial Assistance, Stimulus Checks, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Grant, Free One-on-One Financial Counseling, Rent Arrears, Housing & Public Assistance, Emotional Support & Spiritual Care.



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As our community is dealing with the personal loss, health issues and economic crisis brought on by COVID-19, Restoration remains committed to be a source of strength, resilience and growth and available to provide access to all relevant and financial support services during these uncertain times.

For a limited time, one-time emergency grants of up to \$400 is available for Central Brooklyn residents.

Priority will be given to Brooklynites meeting one of the following criteria:

1. A family member had Covid-19 and is now struggling with health expenses;
2. Have lost employment due to Covid-19 and are not yet receiving unemployment; and
3. Have reduced employment due to Covid-19 and are now struggling with food insecurity.

Other program benefits and criteria:

- Screening for eligibility for benefits and services (including rent relief and pandemic insurance)
- Financial counseling to review budget, credit and debt
- Employment assistance as necessary

In order to be considered for this emergency cash grant, please complete this brief pre-screening application for eligibility:

Access to the pre-screening application



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ERIC ADAMS
 BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

**MESSAGE
 OF THE
 MONTH**

**DIGITAL
 EDITION**

BROOKLYN! COMPLETE THE CENSUS

AT 54%, BROOKLYN'S CENSUS RESPONSE
 RATES ARE THE **LOWEST** OF ALL BOROUGHs

- WHAT WE STAND TO GAIN
- WHAT WE STAND TO LOSE

IT'S UP TO
YOU

WWW.BROOKLYN-USA.ORG



SEPTEMBER 2020



THE HONORABLE
**ROBERT E.
CORNEGY, JR.**



COUNCIL MEMBER, 36TH DISTRICT, BROOKLYN

CHAIR, HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

CHAIR, COMMISSION ON M/WBHE

CHAIR, DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

Bedford Stuyvesant and Northern Crown Heights



Give Away Event

**WEDNESDAY
AUG.
26
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Restoration Plaza

1360 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Sponsors and Partners:



The Coalition of Community Charter Schools

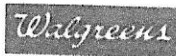
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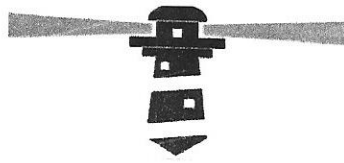
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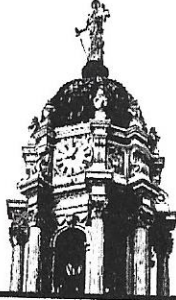


***STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT (No Exceptions)**



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PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
ERIC ADAMS

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Friend,

With just two weeks left to make a decision that will change our next 10 years, Brooklyn, we need you.

Our Message this month is clear: Take 10 minutes to answer 10 questions to complete the Census and make Brooklyn count 100 percent.

We have so much to gain if we get the count in. The Census determines accurate political representation and how much federal funding Brooklyn and New York City receives for health care, transportation, education, and various other needs. In short, more resources go to places where more people live. Your voices, your families, your communities are at stake.

We can do this.

-Eric

Brooklyn Census Community Walks

Join the NYC Census Brooklyn Team as they go to low self-response Census tracts within neighborhoods in Brooklyn and help residents complete the census. [Click here](#)

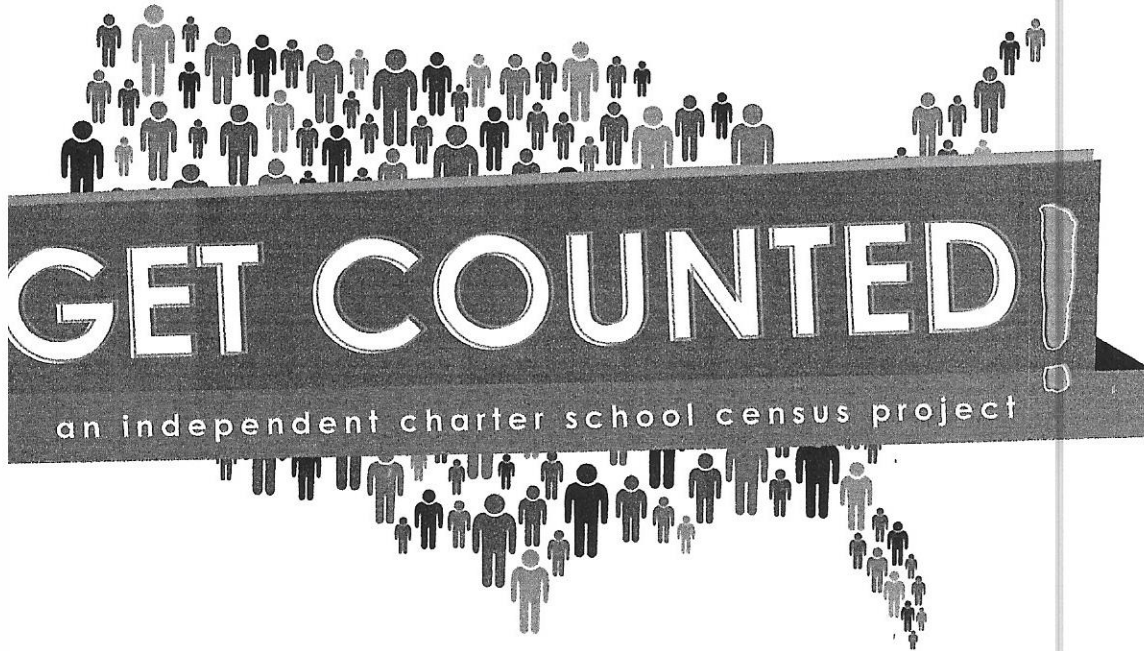


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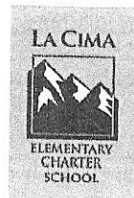
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PROUDLY PRESENTS



The US CENSUS will end data collection on **September 30, 2020**. Join us and a number of independent charter schools throughout central Brooklyn as we encourage families to get counted!

It is crucial that we get every New Yorker counted and it is easier than ever to respond to the census. You can complete the census in just five minutes at my2020census.gov or by calling **844-330-2020**. Let us ensure our communities get the resources they deserve!

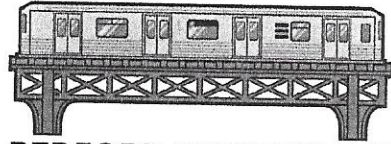


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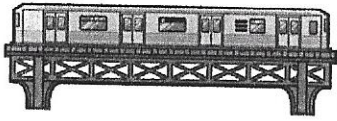
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Tuesday, September 8th

MOTE LEARNING CONTINUES

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***THE DOE Public Schools delayed
arts DOES NOT CHANGE OUR
SCHEDULE.***



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BSNBCS Family Resources

Beginning of School

BSNBCS continues to be a safe, caring and culturally responsive learning environment for our over 700 students of Bedford Stuyvesant. Below are some key ways that we have supported our families during our reopening during this Global Pandemic.

Technology

Since March we have given out over 100 chromebooks to families with limited to no technology for their children, our students, to engage in remote learning. We have also opened 20 hotspot accounts to ensure our families without reliable internet access have a stable connection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Afterschool & Extended Day Programming

Our school is supporting our families with afterschool programming for over 130 families through our Extended Day Program (3:30pm-4:30pm) and our Lower School Afterschool Program (3:30pm-6pm)

Saturday School Programming

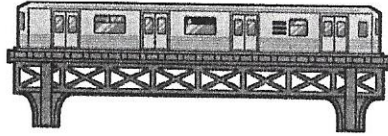
In an effort to ensure that all of our students are performing on grade level in Reading and Math, we will begin offering free Saturday School programming early October for grades 1 through 8. During this program students will receive small group instruction to focus on grade level standards most fundamental to their success this school year.

Metro Cards

Although the Office of Pupil Transportation does not currently have the school buses up and running for the year, our families who qualify have received metro cards for their transportation needs. In the first week of opening our doors, we have given out over 300 metro cards for families who need them.

Communication

Our Teachers, Office Team, Student Support Team and Family & Community Engagement Manager work around the clock to support both our in person and remote learning programs. Families receive support in troubleshooting technology issues, accessing resources, and clarifying our programming and academic and behavioral expectations through phone calls, emails, and in person appointments to make sure that every student has what they need to be successful academically.



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During COVID-19

Mental Health

The mental health of you and your family should not go overlooked during this challenging time. Speaking to a health care professional may alleviate distress and provide strategies to stay in good spirits when facing difficult situations.

Here are some affordable resources to check out;

[Affordable Therapists in NYC](#)

[Counseling in Brooklyn](#)

Housing

There is a Rent Relief Program available for low-income households experiencing an increase in their rent burden due to a loss of income during the COVID crisis by providing a one-time payment covering the increased rent burden for one to four months.

Find out if you qualify by visiting; hcr.ny.gov/RRP

Technology

The NYC Department of Education is still giving out tablets with an enabled hotspot to our families defined as high need. Right now, if you are “doubled up” or living with two households under one roof and have a child in a charter school- you qualify! The process is fast and easy. Contact the main office at 718-453-1000 to see if your housing status is “doubled up” and for your child/ren student ID numbers to complete the application.

To apply, visit; [Apply for Remote Learning Device](#)

Meals

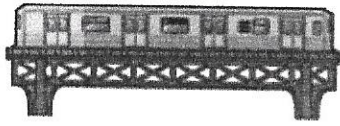
The City of New York has a free meal program. It is a “Grab and Go” for all New Yorkers, Monday through Friday, 7:30am-1:30pm. No one will be turned away, and no appointment or registration is needed.

Use this link to find the site nearest you; [NYC Free Meal Locator](#)

Educational Resources

Please keep in mind that now more than ever summer learning loss can affect our students. Please make sure students are reading everyday! Grades K-5 still have access to their Raz-Kids online reading accounts and grades 1-8 have Math and Reading i-Ready accounts. Contact eyoung@bsnbcs.org if you are having difficulty accessing your child's account.

For more Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources & Support, visit the Official Website of the City of New York at portal.311.nyc.gov

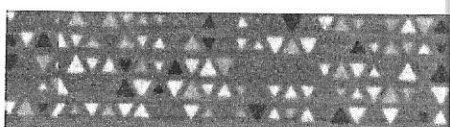
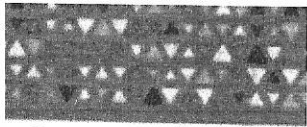


BSNBCS School Calendar 2020-2021

**This is subject to change. For up to date changes, check your email and Class Dojo.*

August	January
Aug First Day of School grades K-8	4-Jan School Returns
	18-Jan MLK Day, School Closed
September	19-Jan Staff Training, School Closed
7-Sept Labor Day, School Closed	February
October	13-21 Feb Mid-Winter Break, School Closed
Oct Staff Training, School Closed	22-Feb School Returns
Oct Indigenous People's Day, School Closed	March
November	26-Mar Staff Training, School Closed
Nov Election Day, School Closed	April
Nov Veteran's Day, School Closed	2-9 Apr Spring Break, School Closed
Nov Thanksgiving Break, School Closed	12-Apr School Returns
30-Nov School Returns	20-Apr NYS ELA Exam Day 1 (grades 3-8)
December	21-Apr NYS ELA Exam Day 2 (grades 3-8)
Dec- Jan 3 Winter Break, School Closed	May
	4-May NYS Math Exam Day 1 (grades 3-8)
	5-May NYS Math Exam Day 1 (grades 3-8)
	31-May Memorial Day, School Closed
	June
	3-Jun Brooklyn-Queens Day, School Closed
	25-Jun Last Day of School

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REMINDERS

First Day of IN PERSON LEARNING tomorrow, Tuesday, September 8th

reminder to those of you who chose IN PERSON learning for
child:

Grades	Drop Off	Pick Up
K, 1, 2	7:30am-8am	3:30pm
3, 4, 5	8am-8:30am	4pm
6, 7, 8	8:30-9am	4:30pm

**Drop your children off at the earliest drop off time
you have a child for.**

There is NO AFTERSCHOOL!!

**Be sure they bring a water bottle, mask and wear a hunter
green shirt.**

