



BVP Board Reopening Update

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Goals & Agenda

Goal:

- Provide overview of BVP Reopening Planning

Agenda:

- Overview of RIDE Requirements
- Overview of BVP Actions
- Next Steps

Overview of RIDE Requirements



School Year Calendar

Day 1: 8/31 Day 180: 6/18

OFF - Holidays:

9/7 Labor Day

9/8 Election Day

9/28 Yom Kippur

10/12 Fall Day

11/3 Election Day

11/11 Veterans Day

11/25-27 Thanksgiving Break

12/24-1/1 New Years Break

2/15-19 FUNbruary Break

4/2 Good Friday

4/19-23 April Break

5/13 Eid al-Fitr

5/31 Memorial Day

Notes:

Eight Distance Learning Days:

9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/14, 1/25, 3/15,
4/12, 5/17

#BVPSnowDays = Distance Learning Days

Overview

- **For planning purposes, LEAs are required to submit a plan that covers each of three specific scenarios:**
 - **Limited In-Person**
 - **Partial In-Person**
 - **Full In-Person**
- *Planning for each scenario will need to incorporate some distance learning; it may be widespread, minimally used for staggered schedules, or only utilized for students who are home sick or in quarantine. The various scenarios identify opportunities to expand in-person learning as risk for contracting COVID-19 decreases. Health and safety will drive all decision making*

Planning Guidance

<https://bit.ly/RireopenBVP>

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Plan submission due July 17

- RIDE is providing technical assistance in preparing plans through consultations with the DMGroup (first meeting for BVP will be Tuesday, June 30, 2020)
- BVP is sharing plans with other charter schools and the City of Central Falls in coordination with Mayor Diossa's Office

Overview of RIDE Requirements



High-level BVP Actions to date

- Launched BVP Covid Response Team (network leaders) that has met daily from March 16 to present; the BCRT has met 2-4 times per week with Heads of School and Network Support Staff since that time
- Formed six staff-based working groups, totalling more than sixty staff members, that met during the last two weeks of school and explored various scenarios reported findings and recommendations to a steering committee inclusive of network leaders and BVPHS scholars
 - Summary report is here:
- Based on the initial work, ordered over 1,200 new Chromebooks to be close to 1:1 for the upcoming year in the event of intermittent closures and to support the requirement for at least some distance learning
- Created a new Reopening Committee, inclusive of Board Member Monika Zuluaga, parents, nurses, school doctor, scholars, and staff that will meet a total of four times to review and comment on the BVP Reopening Plan
- Staff and family surveys

Current Thinking on Structure of the Reopening of BVP

- Provided it is safe to do so, BVP plans to reopen all schools in their planned grade configurations for the fall (ES1, ES2, ES3, UES, JHS, HS)
- K-8, BVP schools will operate largely with stable pods of 30 or fewer scholars in order to mitigate contacts between people, support contact tracing efforts
- BVPHS, which is unable to create stable pods, will operate on a Block Schedule, with scholars taking 4 courses in the fall and 4 in the spring, rather than all 8 at once to limit contacts; in addition, we are planning to begin the year with half of the scholars attending at a time: some scholars in person Tue-Wed and others Thu-Fri.
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Challenges we are wrestling with are significant

- Transportation: based on current CDC Guidelines for school buses, local bus capacity, and budget constraints
- Academic acceleration and planning, especially given the certain change in schedule based on needed safety procedures
- Unknown return of scholars (and staff) based on medical or other needs and concerns
- Requirements (and cost) of PPE and safety procedures

Discussion

