



Bristol Tennessee City Schools

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COVID-19 COMMUNICATION

July 8, 2020

Dear BTCS Parents and Guardians,

As you know from my last letter, we have been working closely with the Sullivan County Health Department, Kingsport City Schools, and Sullivan County Schools to develop a framework for opening our schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Today, I am pleased to present the [Framework for Opening the 2020-21 School Year: Sullivan County Plan](#), which outlines the guidance our three school districts will use as we welcome students back to school for fall 2020.

We understand and appreciate the expectation that you and our entire community have for us to provide the safest possible environment for our students and staff. The steps outlined in the framework describe the practical actions that will be taken within our schools based on the level of COVID-19 transmission within our community at a given time. In addition to the framework, our district is providing a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document to help you understand the options for your child's learning pathway when school begins.

I want to reiterate a portion of what I shared in my last letter. Our recent survey shows that at this time the majority of Bristol families want their children to return to our campuses this fall for in-person learning. As long as our COVID-19 community spread threshold level (based on the chart on page 15 of the framework) remains in Green or Yellow, our **school buildings will open on August 3**. To honor the individual needs and circumstances of some students and families, **we will also offer a full-time, remote learning option**. Please see the FAQ document referenced above for more information about the remote learning option.

Once you have reviewed the Framework for Opening the 2020-21 School Year and Frequently Asked Questions, it is extremely important for you to complete the [Academic Pathway Choice: Fall 2020](#) form for your child(ren). Unlike the previous survey, your selection on this form is what will be used to plan for your child's academic placement when school resumes on August 3. We need all parents to complete the form for each child in Bristol Tennessee City Schools no later than Tuesday, July 14. If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact your child's school via phone or principal email.

Again, it is very important for you to complete the survey (linked above) for each of your children prior to July 14. If you have questions which are not answered after reading the framework and the FAQ, please contact your child's school via phone or principal email. I thank you for your continued partnership and patience as we seek to support all students during this challenging time. #WeAreBTCS

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Tudor".

Annette Tudor, Ed.D.
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