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From the Desk of Mrs. Phillips:

The Brown County Board of Education met last night for the regularly scheduled July meeting. During the meeting the district's plan to return to school was reviewed. Some highlights of that plan include:

1. An option of Remote or Online Learning or In-Person Learning will be available--families should plan to have viable and adequate internet connectivity for their children if remote learning is chosen or it becomes required. All families and parents should know and understand the risks connected to in-person learning. Brown County CUSD #1 is committed to the safety of students and staff as our number one priority. Based on guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Health guidelines, measures have been put into place with the health and safety of all students and staff in mind; however, the safety and health of all are contingent on each person individually as well. There is a level of responsibility on each individual who chooses to return to the school building and it is imperative that personal accountability play a role in Return to Learn plan. Students and staff must adhere to the guidelines and report any concerns to the building principal or their immediate supervisor.
2. The Remote Learning or Online Learning will NOT be the same as last spring, and grades of student work will be used to determine student progress in their classes.
3. Students who choose the Remote Learning or Online Learning in grades 5-12 must make a commitment to complete the term in the online environment.
4. Face masks or coverings will be required for all. If a person cannot or does not want to wear a face mask, remote learning is the recommended option.
5. PE will be held as part of the coursework, but students will not dress out and will not be involved in contact sports.
6. Breakfast and Lunch will be available as usual, but some grades will be eating lunch in their classroom rather than the cafeteria.
7. An app will be available for parents to download to their phone or tablet to ***daily*** certify that their child is free of COVID symptoms and healthy to attend school--a student will not be allowed into the school or on the bus until the parent has submitted the daily certification of health.
8. Temperatures will be taken of every person entering the building or boarding a bus.
9. Parents are encouraged to transport their own children to school instead of using the bus so that the number of students on each bus is as low as possible.
10. Social Distancing is vital to reducing the spreading the virus. Social Distancing will be required.

11. Music Instruction will consist of music theory, music history, the instruction of playing the piano/keyboards, percussion and guitar. Singing will be limited and no instruments will be played that require air to be blown into it by the player.
12. Parents are encouraged to add hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and extra masks to their child's school supplies list.
13. No treats from home are allowed for the purpose of sharing with other students such as for a celebration of a birthday or a holiday.
14. Students may bring their lunch as they normally would be able to do so.
15. Every classroom will have its own cleaning kit that will be available for students and teacher use throughout the day.
16. At the end of each day all classrooms, hallways, offices and buses will be sprayed with a sterilizing liquid.

More information will be available late next week. The Board of Education will meet again on Wednesday, July 29 at 6 pm to review further implementation strategies of the Return to Learn Plan for Brown County CUSD #1. If you would like to join the meeting via Zoom, please email McKenzie Taute at McKenzie.taute@bchornets.com for a zoom invitation. Thank you in advance for your patience as we move forward in this ever-changing world!