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BCSD Update on Planning for Reopening of School Buildings:

The Binghamton City School District continues to prepare for a variety of scenarios for the 2020-2021 school year, including remote learning, in-person learning, and a hybrid of remote and in-person learning.

The district's protocols and procedures will include plans for addressing the mandated components of the plan, which include social distancing, use of face mask, health checks and screenings of students and staff, regular hygiene, cleaning and disinfection.

Since June 1, the district has been working with stakeholder groups to promote the safety and health of our facilities, employees and students. We have focused on concerns and suggestions raised in the recent [ThoughtExchange](#) survey for families, as well as the survey for faculty and staff. The following is a timeline for our work pertaining to the reopening of school facilities:

Week of July 13 – Receiving and analyzing New York State guidance, and modifying or implementing guidance accordingly.

Week of July 20th - Phone survey to parents and on-line survey to faculty/staff will be conducted. Survey will contain questions regarding in-person and remote instruction.

July 28, 6 p.m. - The district will share the components of its plan for reopening schools at a virtual community forum, held via Zoom Webinar. Access information will be provided in upcoming communications.

July 31 – Deadline for districts and schools to submit reopening plans containing the mandatory elements outlined in NYSED's [School Reopening Guidance Document](#). Final Plan posted to district-website.

Week of August 3 – Decision from New York State on whether schools will be allowed to reopen in September. This decision will largely be based on the state's infection rate.

There is nothing more important than the health and well-being of our children, families and employees. Thank you for your continued support as we work to bring our students back to school in the safest way possible.

***Educating, empowering and challenging all students to become
productive, global citizens through innovative approaches to learning.***