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BCSD Update on Potential Plans for School Reopening:

Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that the state will release final guidance for reopening schools on July 13, and a final decision about reopening school buildings will be made during the first week of August.

Please be assured that the Binghamton City School District is, and has been, preparing for a variety of scenarios for the 2020-2021 school year, working over the past two months with stakeholder groups to promote the safety and health of our facilities, employees and students. The district has focused on concerns and suggestions raised in the recent ThoughtExchange survey for families, as well as the survey for faculty and staff.

We are strategizing to make continuous learning as efficient and effective as possible through remote instruction, focusing on increasing student engagement, and developing possible schedules that would allow for effective cleaning and social distancing practices within our buildings. Building entry protocols, such as temperature taking, are currently being practiced by 12-month employees.

The district will share a preliminary plan for reopening schools at a virtual community forum at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28. The forum will be held via Zoom. Access information will be provided in upcoming communications.

We appreciate your patience and participation as we work to reopen schools in the safest possible way. We will continue to educate, empower and challenge our students, regardless of where their learning takes place. Thank you for your lasting support of our schools.

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