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BCHS Parents and Students,

Last night, the BCHS Board of Education held a special meeting to consider changes in the current learning plan. After careful deliberation, the board approved the following adjustments to the BCHS Learning Plan to begin on Monday, November 2nd. In-person instruction will be increased to 4 days per week, with Friday remaining a remote learning day for all. The school day will remain in its current form, with the day beginning at 8:25 and students dismissed at 12:59. All students will again have the opportunity to choose between the new 4-day in-person blended learning model and fully remote 5 days per week.

All safety guidelines, including the use of face coverings at all times, will remain in place, with the exception of strict 6-foot social distancing. While 6-foot social distancing will continue to be the aim, there may be locations where students' social distancing is less than 6 feet.

We ask that you begin considering which option you will choose for your child, and making any necessary plans to prepare for this change in schedule. Parents of current remote learners will be contacted prior to October 23rd to ask for your child's commitment for choice of instructional model. If you choose fully remote, your choice will remain through the end of the semester.

The revised BCHS Remote/Blended Learning Framework is available for viewing on the district website and Facebook page. The 4 days per week in-person plan is named "Blended-Green", but the plan retains the current "Blended-Yellow" option and fully remote for all named "Remote-Red." The revised framework provides three options that will be dictated by the COVID situation in our school and community.

We recognize the scheduling demands and flexibility this current school year has had on all families as well as the increased academic supports required from home and appreciate all that you have done and continue to do!

Sincerely,

Benjamin Johnson