
BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COVID 19 UPDATE | SCHOOL REOPENING FOCUS | COMMUNITY SURVEY

Focus #1

We will continue to focus on & support students where they are at. We will NOT try to make up for missed days in the spring by going faster in the fall

Focus #2

The focus on teaching students where they are at focuses the curriculum and instruction and where the students are at in their growth as productive citizens in our society

FOCUS #3

Student spacing measures and limiting movement around the building will be a focus to prevent disease spread but this does not mean students will sit in one seat all day long and never move.

As a School-Community team we have been working to ensure our students have the opportunity to get up and move around the campus in a safe manner. Early on it will be outside but will move inside once it gets cold outside.



Students in the building?

All in all, we are excited to see your children in the Fall of 2020. BPS will work with the student, family, and community in the capacity that is in the best interest of everyone. As a school district we want to make things as normal as possible for students and staff while keeping everyone safe. In order to ensure that these decisions are made in the best interest of the school, community, students, staff, and families, BPS will be providing surveys for all stakeholders to complete. The surveys will provide feedback from the community on the experiences, thoughts, concerns, and expectations that they have on the 2020-2021 school year. This information will be used to help guide final planning.





Special Education & Nutrition

We are committed to continued efforts to be flexible and consider a wide range of delivery methods and modalities in order to make good faith efforts in providing services to students with disabilities in accordance with the intent of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

- Review the information and data collected prior to and during the school building closure, including observations and information provided by parents.
- Implement a process for determining whether progress has been made towards IEP goals or loss of learning specific to IEP goals occurred which may require a different approach.
- Determine a process for conducting evaluation, reevaluation, and developing IEPs.

School breakfast and lunch will be provided during any scenario following the appropriate guidelines.

BPS Community Surveys

The BPS Community Surveys will be sent out to the community through email and social media to begin the process of open communication. BPS Administration has explored scenarios for a Safe and Healthy 2020-21 School Year. It is the intention of Browning Public Schools to reopen our schools for in-person, face-to-face instruction for the 2020-21 school year. If this is not possible then a fully functioning, high quality Distance Learning option will be implemented. This Distance Learning option will be made available for the 2020-2021 school year to all students. As we put together our plan for reopening our school campuses, we want to share the guiding principles that inform our decisions:

Our plan will be responsive to the physical and mental health and wellness of our students and staff. Our plan will be based on the COVID-19 outbreak conditions on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Glacier County and surrounding counties. Our plan will rely on flexibility, adaptation, and collaboration from students, families, and staff. Our plan will change and adapt to new guidance. We will provide updates on our plan for families.

