

Dear **Bradford Academy Families**,

With the beginning of the school year quickly approaching, we have made some major changes to our school learning options to ensure the utmost safety to our Bradford community. As we continue to monitor the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our local community and consider its direct impact on our ability to offer in-person instruction, the Academy Board carefully came to the decision to go **100% virtual starting Tuesday, September 8.**

We deeply regret the late timing of this decision, however, this resolution was not made lightly, and was decided after careful consideration and conversation with our Board and teaching staff. We strongly feel this decision serves our Bradford family best. Safety has always been and will continue to be the number one priority as we embark on this new school year. It is our hope that by the end of the first quarter, the risk has decreased where we can revisit the discussion to safely return to in-person instruction. We will be taking into consideration a variety of factors in creating and enhancing the return to school plan if we are permitted to do so after the first quarter. Below is basic information to know about these new changes. Throughout the first few weeks, the Bradford team along with guidance from local health officials, the CDC, and the Governor's updates, will continue to monitor progress and will make appropriate changes when necessary.

How long will Bradford be virtual?

Bradford Academy K-12 will begin the year being 100% virtual and we will reassess the return to in-person instruction at the end of the first quarter. First-quarter ends on November 12.

What does this mean for the start of school?

For the families who have already enrolled in the virtual school option, there is no further action needed to begin classes on Tuesday, September 8. For families who elected the in-person option, your child will now be 100% virtual for the first quarter. Our staff has worked hard on virtual learning plans throughout the summer months, and we have full confidence your child will succeed in this style. You and your child will need to take the following steps to ensure they are properly equipped and ready to begin class next week:

Step 1: Contact the front office to arrange technology accommodations.

Step 2: Your child's teacher will be reaching out to welcome you to their classroom and share all virtual learning information.

Step 3: We acknowledge that childcare is of the utmost importance to you and that this transition will leave many of you in need of supervision, for your children. We are collecting community childcare opportunities and support in your area that we will share with you as soon as possible.

Will meals be available?

Our food and nutrition team will be working to provide meal pick up and delivery options for your family. Please contact our School Nutrition Director, Joan Johnson directly at joanjohnson@choiceschools.com, for more information.

This fall's virtual learning program will feel fundamentally different from the emergency learning that took place in the spring. Our staff has been working very hard this summer to provide helpful, self-paced instruction for all students.

Please continue to use our website and Facebook page as your primary source of information surrounding COVID & Returning to School plans. If you have questions regarding your child's classroom information, please contact your teacher directly.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to prioritize safety while providing the best form of education for our students. Together we are #BradfordStrong.

Thank you,
Bradford Academy High School Administrative Team