



June 29, 2020

Dear Bromwell Parents,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the first month of summer break! In keeping with a popular theme this year, it's been a time of change and firsts for my family. We started our summer with a move into a new home. My oldest son, Minor, traveled to North Dakota for lake time with his grandfather. Baron, my almost three-year-old, graduated to a new preschool classroom. Between unpacking, renovations, and keeping up with my boys, it's been a busy summer so far -- and that doesn't cover the work underway to plan for the new school year!

As our Superintendent shared last week, Denver Public Schools is planning to open all schools for full, in-person learning in August. You can read more about this announcement -- as well as the option for 100% remote learning -- [here](#). This decision was made in concert with the most recent mental health research and specifically a [MDHP report](#) which considered the important role schools play in providing both academic instruction and social-emotional support. Also factoring into the district's decision was the emerging data that suggest children are less likely to become sick from Covid-19 and their limited role in spreading the virus.

While this is exciting news for many parents and students, we realize that for others it is a cause of concern. As a school community, we will provide high quality instruction should you plan to return or continue to stay remote. The safety of our students, staff, and community continues to be our top priority.

In this time of uncertainty, there is one absolute: the way we once interacted as a learning community will look very different this upcoming school year. The teaching team and staff are busy preparing plans which we are eager to share with you soon.

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**Speaking of planning, please save the date to join me and the PTA on Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. for a Bromwell Virtual State of the School meeting.** An invitation will be sent via Flyer and email next week. During this meeting, I will share initial plans for our return to in person learning, and will be available to answer questions from the community. Please help inform this discussion and our overall planning by filling out this quick [survey](#) no later than July 10.

I am so thankful for the support from the community and your patience these past few months -- and appreciate your continued support in this unprecedented time. I will formally return to work on July 13 focusing first on developing Bromwell's master schedule and logistical plans. I realize how important it is to stay in touch so count on regular communication from this point forward.

Again, I hope this finds you well, and I look forward to seeing you on July 9 at 6:30 p.m. for our Virtual State of the School Meeting.

Sincerely,

Valecia von Weise, Principal

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