Bradford County School District believes that students learn best in face to face classroom settings with a teacher. We also believe that it is best for our community to start the new 2020-2021 school year with as much normalcy as possible, as we all learn to live in the Coronavirus (COVID 19) world. The Bradford County School District plans to begin school on August 10, 2020 as scheduled. However, there will be many apparent changes and routines in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases. The BCSD has gathered the most recent information from the CDC, the local Department of Health, and the Office of Emergency Management in order to keep the students and employees safe. Additionally, local workgroups and committees have provided input into this plan. Governor DeSantis has mandated that all schools reopen five days a week for all students to choose as an option. Bradford County District schools are pleased to offer three plans for our families to choose from based on what they believe is best for their child.

"Missing school can have serious consequences for child health and wellbeing, particularly for students with disabilities or with special healthcare needs," American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) President Sally Goza said recently. Students physically in school, she added, "learn social and emotional skills, get healthy meals and exercise, and mental health support. Schools help identify and address learning deficits, physical abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. These are all critical reasons to get children back to school."

PLAN A
Traditional On-Campus Learning
(this will be used for our traditional brick and mortar setting)

Prior to going to school: Students and adults should screen themselves for symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath prior to coming to school each day. Students and adults experiencing those symptoms should not attend school.

- Students that have a fever higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit will be sent home immediately and may not return to school until 48 hours have passed with no fever or flu-like symptoms.
- Students who have been tested by the Health Department for COVID-19 should stay home until they are given the results of the test. Please ask the Health Department for a doctor’s note and provide it to the school upon your return.
- Students who have been contacted by the Health Department confirming close contact with a person with COVID-19 should follow current Health Department recommendations. They must contact their school as soon as possible.

Attendance: Students with COVID-19 will not be adversely affected by attendance requirements as long as the student provides a doctor’s note.

- Students may be granted work from home or virtual learning opportunities.
- Perfect attendance awards will be suspended for both students during the pandemic.

Transportation: Buses, with assigned seating and additional spacing where feasible will transport students and students from the same household/family will be seated together when feasible. Mask-wearing will be permitted/encouraged. Car drop off in the usual car drop-off location.

Arrival: Staff will be ready to supervise students upon arrival

Meals: Breakfast will be picked up by the student with dining in the cafeteria or alternate eating location with additional spacing between students & increased disinfecting of surfaces. Lunches will be picked up by students and eaten in the cafeteria and/or other alternate setting. Students will be staggered alternately or facing one direction with appropriate spacing until safe to resume normal capacity. Visitors and guests will not be allowed to eat lunch or visit during lunch times nor may they bring and/or drop
off any outside food during the day, however, students may bring their own lunch with them at the start of the day.

Transitions: Transitions will be limited at the elementary school, with students remaining with their cohort groups where feasible to limit mingling with other classes of students. Teachers will wipe desks with disinfectant between any class changes.

Masks or Cloth Face Coverings are encouraged, but not required, and will be permitted at any time.

Sanitation: Students will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the school day. Students should wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hands should be washed upon entering school, during periods of student transition, after blowing one’s nose, coughing, or sneezing; after using the restroom; and before eating. Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be available throughout the schools, offices, and other school facilities.

No access to water fountains, but we will have water bottle filling stations at each campus; students will be permitted to bring water bottles to school; daily cleaning of chromebooks, devices assigned to students; students will sanitize hands before and after playground use; no sharing of community supplies, where feasible.

Clinic: Symptomatic students will be quarantined away from other students/staff until they can be sent home. Students with symptoms will be asked to wear a mask while quarantined in the sick room until they can be safely dismissed from school.

Sanitation: The school facilities will be sanitized daily. Porters and janitors will be wiping down surfaces throughout the day.

Dismissal: Staggered dismissal times for bus loading; car riders and walkers will sit with cohort groups with spacing where feasible.

Extra-curricular Activities - No extra-curricular in-person meetings except approved FHSAA events, cheerleading, ROTC and Band until further notice and approved by the superintendent or designee.

School Visitors and Volunteers: Beginning August 10, 2020, all schools will be on a “closed campus” schedule. No parents, volunteers or visitors will be allowed on campus
unless they have an appointment. This includes not walking students to their classrooms.

Nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as possible will be limited. Virtual activities and events should be considered in lieu of field trips, student assemblies, special performances, or school-wide parent meetings.

**Travel:** No out of county trips except FHSAA sanctioned events will be permitted until further notice unless approved by the superintendent or designee.

**Dress Code:** The current Bradford County School District dress code will be in effect with the following modifications:

- Students will not dress out for PE until further notice.
- The BMS student uniform dress code will be suspended until further notice. However, it will resume during the year. Parents will be provided three weeks’ notice of when the uniform policy will resume.
- Students are permitted to bring their own face coverings but they should comply with dress code requirements.

**Athletics:**

- **Practice**- Coaches will develop a COVID-19 response team; Water will be provided or brought by the athlete; Sharing of equipment will be prohibited.
- **Games**- Social Distancing will be required; Crowds and fans will be prohibited from interacting with the players and coaches prior to, during and after the game/match; Clear bag policies will be enforced; Public Address reminders concerning health concerns will be broadcast.
Plan B

Bradford Virtual SELECT - 100% virtual option
Uses Edgenuity (6-12) AND Edgenuity/Accelerate (K-5)
Must have reliable internet at Home

NEFEC MyDistrict is also still an Option. NEFEC MyDistrict uses FLVS curriculum.
See https://www.nefec.org/virtual/

Plan C

Bradford INNOVATIONS
(this will also be used if the state requires us to close school and use distance learning)
Must have internet at home through Google Classroom, Google Meet, etc.
Real time lessons from their teachers that will follow the traditional school day.
Elementary Students will be online from approximately 7:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. They will have a lunch break at the same time as their on site classmates.
Students must be on-line for the entire class periods to be marked present.

Families who choose not to use any of the district provided options may participate in virtual learning through NEFEC MyDistrict, FLVS, or homeschool:

Full-time NEFEC MyDistrict or FLVS student. See https://www.nefec.org/virtual/

Full-time Homeschool Student
The student must withdraw from their current school and then enroll in Homeschool with Barbara Johns at the district office. The student will have until the 10th day of school to leave this option and return to school as a full-time brick and mortar student.

The virtual option you choose is a semester-long commitment. Once the option is selected and the enrollment window is closed after the 10th day of school, the student will remain with the selected option until the end of the semester.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DIRECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE CDC
In an effort to inform the public, we have provided this question and answer (Q and A) document to address items many have inquired about concerning the opening of the school district for the 2020-2021 school year.

Q: Will the Bradford County School District begin the school year in August?  
A: Yes. The Bradford County School District plans to open school on schedule. Students will return to school on Monday, August 10th. Kindergarten will still do a stagger start schedule Faculty and Staff will return for pre-planning on Friday, July 31st.

Q: Will we have a traditional school day?  
A: Yes. At this time, we are planning and preparing for a traditional school day with students attending brick and mortar schools five days a week.

Q: Will students and staff members be required to wear masks?  
A: At this time, we are not requiring students or staff members to wear masks. Masks are optional and will be permitted at any time.

Q: Will there be temperature checks done each day?  
A: No.

Q: What will happen if my child has a fever?  
A: If a child doesn’t feel well, that child will be sent to the nurse’s station to have their temperature checked. If a temperature is over 100 then the symptomatic person will be quarantined until they can be sent home. Students with symptoms will be asked to wear a mask while quarantined in the nurses station until they can be safely dismissed from school.

Q: Will my child be able to ride the school bus to and from school?  
A: Yes. Buses, with assigned seating and additional spacing where feasible, will transport students; mask-wearing will be permitted/encouraged where appropriate. Car drop-off will be in the usual car drop-off location.

Q: How will breakfast and lunches work and social distancing be maintained?  
A: Breakfast will still take place in the cafeteria or alternate setting with additional spacing between students and increased sanitizing of surfaces. Lunches will vary by school ranging from: being picked up by students and eaten in the classrooms when feasible; we will transition to cafeteria meal serving when appropriate; cafeteria and/or
alternate setting may be utilized with students staggered alternately or facing one direction with appropriate spacing until safe to resume normal capacity.

Q: How will class changes (transitions) take place?
A: Transitions will be limited at elementary schools, with students remaining with their cohort groups where feasible to limit mingling with other classes of students. Teachers at all schools will wipe down desks between classes.

Q: Will social distancing be maintained in the classroom?
A: Yes. When possible, students will be placed three to six feet apart or as far apart as the provided space will allow.

Q: How will students be dismissed at the end of the day?
A: Staggered dismissal times for classes/grade levels will be arranged for bus loading to provide the greatest extent of social distancing possible; car riders and walkers will sit with cohort groups with spacing where feasible.

Q: What preventative measures to increase safety will be used and allowed?
A: Students will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the school day. There will also be hand sanitizing stations throughout each school. In order to reduce the transference of germs there will be no access to water fountains. Students will be permitted to bring clear water bottles to school; Daily cleaning of classroom-based chromebooks and devices assigned to students; Students will sanitize hands before and after playground use; When feasible, there will be no sharing of community supplies.

Q: If I do not feel safe allowing my child to return to school, what are my options?
A: Families who choose not to return to brick and mortar school may participate in Bradford INNOVATIONS or full time virtual learning through Bradford Virtual SELECT, NEFEC MyDistrict, Florida Virtual School (FLVS) or homeschool.

If we pick FLVS and have a senior - will they be eligible to participate in graduation activities? Also, he is NHS - how would that work?

Here is an attendance requirement in our Pupil Progression as follows: Home Education and FLVS students who wish to graduate from Bradford High School must have passed the FSA/Fl Standards Assessments, have had a credit review, prior to the beginning of the eighth semester, and be enrolled as a full-time BHS student for the remainder of the school year (eighth semester). Bradford Virtual courses may be used to fulfill full-time BHS student status but must be taken in the BHS virtual lab on the BHS campus and reflected on the student schedule.
But there are also different types of FLVS / Virtual learning options - please check with your school's guidance after the Option Choice form comes out to determine what works best for your senior.

I am confused... are the schools reopening? Or are we just doing virtual school?

Yes, schools are reopening. Students will have options for how to attend. Face to face is still an option.

What is my option if I don’t have internet, and can’t afford it.

Your child will be able to attend brick and mortar (face to face).

Will we need to complete the form if we’re opting for brick and mortar, face to face?

No, you will not. Only students choosing a different option will need to complete the form.

I already received a call and informed them my child is returning BMS do I need to do anything further???

No, if your child is coming back to school, you do not need to fill out the form. We look forward to seeing her!

If I pick option 2 or 3 will my son still be able to take his therapies?

Yes. The ESE department will be able to offer online therapy.

If your child is currently registered as a homeschool student in Bradford County but we want to use option 2 or 3 do we only need to complete the form? Or what other steps will we need to complete

You will need to let the Homeschool Office (Barbara Johns) know you are ending homeschool and see if there is anything for you to complete there. When the form comes out, mark your option of choice. Our virtual coordinator will then reach out to you with next steps.