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Good afternoon SBCS families.

As we enter the weekend we want to share with you some news and mention upcoming items. The COVID pandemic has caused much angst and many difficult decisions to be made by the State Education Department, local school districts and South Buffalo Charter School.

Currently SBCS has two options for student's schooling given the guidance for safety. We have established a COVID section on our web site where our framework can be viewed.

Families will be able to choose one of the two options. The first option is two days a week in school with three days distance learning. This allows us to get all students into school during the week based on the safety guidelines of social distancing and for maintenance to do a deep clean before the student cohort switch. The second option is a complete stay at home distance learning for all five days a week. In each scenario,, distance learning would be accomplished through a schedule with defined classes, lessons, and assignments.

Next week parents will have the opportunity to choose, through a survey, which option they will make for their children. More information will follow so that families can make informed decisions.

No matter the choice, families should be preparing for their students to not be at school for a minimum of three days per week.

The options are based on all the guidelines given by the DOH, NYS Education Department, CDC, and local school discussions. SBCS will follow the safety guidelines for cleaning, social distancing, PPE (all students wearing masks), building visitors, transportation, etc. All of these guidelines will be summarized for families before the start of school.

It is very much advised that parents and guardians have children practice wearing masks during the day. The expectation will be for children to wear masks during the day with some mask breaks. This will go a long way in helping them gain comfort and allow for the best opportunity while at school and on the bus.

SBCS is a school that requires a uniform. At this time it is understood that certain items and certain sizes are difficult to obtain at this time. Remember, uniform pants/skirts/dresses may be blue, khaki, or black. We are working on avenues to



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make the uniform buying process easier as we are unable to hold the uniform swaps this summer. Please stay tuned for how/if we can make that happen.

While school opening is a large undertaking with varying degrees of information changing each day, please know that SBCS will be ready to educate, follow guidance, and will work to keep students and staff safe.

Stay safe, Principal Ehrle