

# BERLIN BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear BCS Family,

COVID-19 has caused a world of uncertainty, to say the least. The uncertainty has become more and more prevalent in schools. Many different situations require various lengths of isolation and quarantine times. The information regarding cases and close-contacts often comes to us late in the day or at night. The timing forces us into further uncertainty but, moreover, causes students to wonder whether they will have school the next day or not. The last thing we want is to put our students on a proverbial roller coaster.

The cases of COVID-19 are spiking throughout the state and county. This causes a general increase in exposure to the virus. We are also approaching a time of the year where there are typically many gatherings and travel. This combination yields a situation that necessitates precautionary measures.

Therefore, we will take the precautionary measure of extending our remote-only instruction through Wednesday, December 23, 2020. We plan to resume onsite learning on Monday, January 4, 2021. However, we reserve the right to extend remote-only learning if circumstances warrant it, or in the event that it is required by the State of New Jersey.

On Thursday, November 12, 2020, the students will follow the early dismissal schedule. This schedule will allow our staff to assemble and gather any materials that may be needed as we continue remote-only instruction. The Principals will be sending out messages about the pick-up dates and times.

Details on Scheduling Changes	
Remote-only learning extended starting	Resumption of onsite learning
November 11, 2020	January 4, 2021

Unless otherwise specified, all staff will teach from their empty classroom using the District provided technology. Individual teachers and student schedules do not change. The only difference is that we are now remote-only.

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We will continue to offer PALS. Our capacity is limited to 52 children due to space. Families that are already utilizing PALS will receive preference. **PALS is not going to be used as a remote learning center.** The PALS staff will supervise children, but they will not be providing any instructional support. The children will be responsible for logging in, participating, and completing their classwork. All students attending will need earbuds as well to use while receiving the virtual instruction. Families that would be best served by this program during the remote-only instruction are those parents that are essential workers or those that cannot have childcare in their home. Children in the program will still have to pass the daily health screening each morning as well. The hours of operation and rates will remain the same.

Hours of Operation	
Open	Closed
6:30 AM	6:00 PM

Rates		
Type	Time Frame	Rate Per Day
Full Day	6 hours or more	\$15
Half Day	Less than 6 hours	\$8

The PALS department will be sending out further information as well.

Please know that this was not an easy decision or something that was taken lightly. Looking at different data points and trends and applying the available science as it relates to our District has led us to this decision. As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact me at [campisij@bcsberlin.org](mailto:campisij@bcsberlin.org) or (856) 767-0129 extension 217.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JC", written over a blue circular stamp.

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