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Superintendent's Update – November 20, 2020

Dear Botetourt County Students, Staff, Parents, and Community:

I hope this update finds you safe and well! I wanted to briefly discuss two changes to the school calendar for the second semester, specifically the A/B calendar that indicates Group A days, Group B days, and remote days.

First, you will recall our original school calendar indicated that all students would return the second semester for in-person instruction five days per week. Unfortunately, current health metrics and the status of COVID-19 does not allow that at this time. It was approved at our last School Board meeting on Thursday, November 12, that students will continue in-person learning under the same hybrid plan that we have been using during the first semester. The *BCPS Second Semester Plan 2020-2021* Calendar hyperlinked below reflects this change.

Second, for various reasons, there is an increased interest in students going to remote learning. Some families have hesitated to make this switch due to students only having one opportunity to swap back to in-person learning during the first semester. To alleviate this concern, you will see five dates on the updated calendar with a double asterisk (**) symbol, which indicates dates throughout the second semester when remote learners will be allowed to return to in-person learning. However, to do this, a request **must** be made to building administration **at least one week prior** to the desired return date. Visit the Calendar section of the main division website, or click the following link to access the updated calendar for the second semester:

[BCPS Second Semester Plan \(2020-21\): A/B Schedule](#)

If you have questions regarding this matter, please reach out to your child's principal for clarification. In the meantime, wear a mask, keep socially distanced, and wash your hands! ☺

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. Russ, Ed.D.
Superintendent