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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, we can't help but to reflect on all that we accomplished as a school community. Together, we have successfully overcome multiple challenges and reinvented our education system to include one-to-one initiatives, internet access for all students, and online education platforms and offerings that would have taken us years to achieve under normal circumstances. We are grateful for your support and adaptability in the various learning environments we have undertaken since the pandemic began in March of 2020. We also appreciate your support of the various policies and procedures we have adopted to keep our school community safe and healthy.

Although we are anticipating there will be ongoing guidance from the PA Department of Health regarding our Health and Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year, our overall goal is to return to a normal classroom environment for our students to the greatest extent possible. The past year has fortified our belief that the vast majority of students perform best when they are in person with their classmates and teachers. In fact, students who returned to live classes generally outperformed their online peers in both attendance, participation, and achievement. We applaud all of our students for their work ethic and perseverance during these unprecedented and difficult times.

Although we strongly encourage families to send their students back for live instruction next year, we also understand that some families may still want a fully virtual option for their students. Our goal is to keep all of our students engaged in the Bristol Borough school community, regardless of their instructional mode. To gauge the need for virtual instruction, we ask that you please take a moment to fill out a brief survey regarding your preferred instructional mode for the 2021-2022 school year for your student(s). The link can also be found on our website.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/7kXxwUhb6nrm6U9N8>

As you fill out the form, please understand that we may not be able to offer the same fully live classes at each grade level next year. We also may explore some asynchronous options and alternative vendors for our online students to accommodate their various learning needs and course requirements. Also, students will not have the option to move freely between online offerings and in-person classes. Our expectation is that students who return to school for live classes or remain virtual will remain in that mode of instruction for the school year unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances.

Warm Regards,

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