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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The CPS team has been working hard to get our classrooms ready for next week. Opening schools in a hybrid model has certainly been a new learning experience for staff and families.

When schools closed in March, I remember teachers remarking how remote learning was only achievable because they all had developed relationships with their students prior to the closure. There was a general feeling that trying to engage students in remote learning without an established relationship would have been a challenge.

Our opening of schools in the hybrid model will give teachers an opportunity to engage with their students in a small group setting. Students will be able to learn new routines at school in a small group setting. While we understand some families have elected to start the year in a full remote model, know that your child is a contributing member of the classroom. His or her success is equally important and their full engagement in the learning activities will be necessary.

The first two weeks of school will be focused on establishing new routines and getting-to-know-you activities. Remote learning activities and expectations will be limited during our transition into a hybrid learning model.

Transportation Update

We have posted all bus routes online. I have attached the links to each page for your convenience.

Morning Transportation Routes for CES & BMS:

<http://www.canterburypublicschools.org/district/transportation/ces-bms-morning-bus-routes-2020-21/>

Afternoon Transportation Routes for CES & BMS:

<http://www.canterburypublicschools.org/district/transportation/ces-bms-afternoon-bus-routes-2020-21/>

High School Transportation Routes

<http://www.canterburypublicschools.org/district/transportation/2020-2021-morning-high-school-bus-routes/>

If you have any questions please call the transportation line at 860-546-6950, extension 1221.

Health Office Update

Also posted online is a letter from our nurses. They have shared guidance for families on how we can all work together in creating a healthy and supporting learning environment. You can view the letter at: <http://www.canterburypublicschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Health-office-parent-letter-2020-2021.pdf>.

Remote Learning Update

We would like to thank the 50 families that have completed our most recent survey inquiring about your technology needs. The district will be contacting families this week to schedule a pick-up time for your equipment.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

In Partnership,

Steve Rioux