

Dear Beitel Families:

The Albany County School Board has approved a set of reopening plans that will allow us to begin school later this month. You can read the full document here:

<https://www.acsd1.org/acsd/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/ACSD1-REOPENING-PLAN.1-JULY-30-2020.pdf>

This plan includes many general statements that we are just beginning to unpack and make real for our school. As we make decisions in the coming days I'll be sharing those with you. For now, please know that we intend to be open on schedule.

The plan also includes references to different options for families. Very shortly you will be asked to make a decision about how your student(s) will be interacting with the school district as school begins. Your quick responses will help us to finalize class lists and hiring needs for the coming year.

The only thing that I'm certain of is that this plan will be too much for some and not enough for others. As we move forward, I would ask that you share details with your student(s) about what to expect. We are likely to be at the school building, but the school experience will be significantly different.

I'm happy to answer questions about all of this. I'll be in and out of touch with email this week and may not get back to you right away. Our office will be officially open next week and can provide you with more immediate communications then. I know that I speak for all of us when I say that I am looking forward to seeing your faces... even behind a mask!

Loren Engel
Beitel Elementary Principal