

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**Dear BPS101 Families-**

We would like to start this message with a thank you to all families and staff members for being so diligent with following the new way of participating in education that this pandemic has presented to you. We know it isn't easy and has been a long road of unknowns and sometimes difficult turns. We truly appreciate the effort that you have put in to help us keep our staff and students safe.

We have very little new information to share about the COVID-19 vaccination plan in Kane County, but would like to share this [LINK](#) with you. It is from the Illinois Department of Public Health, and it contains some FAQs about the roll-out.

**Transition to Tier 2 Mitigation (UPDATE)**

Kane County moved to Tier 2 Mitigation on Monday, January 18. Here is a link to detailed information on [Tier 2](#) from the Illinois Department of Public Health. We would like to be clear that the reduction in restriction does not impact our learning plan or school schedule during school hours. We will continue to enforce social distancing of at least 6 feet, the hand washing protocol, and mask wearing, along with the hybrid schedule.

**Emergency Operations Plan (REMINDER)**

There has been an update to the Emergency Operations Plan(EOP) that is used Districtwide in an emergency. The EOP dictates how each emergency situation is handled within our buildings or within the surrounding community. There have been some minor adjustments to the plan including a renaming of one of the emergency terms. **“LOCKOUT” has been changed to “SECURE”**. We have created a [short video](#) to explain each of the emergency action terms within the plan. Please watch it to familiarize yourself with the actions to help prepare you for an emergency.

**Course Requests for 2021-22 School Year (REMINDER)**

Families with students attending RMS or BHS next year are reminded that the course request portal in PowerSchool is open now and will be **closing on January 22**. Details have been sent by both schools and should be reviewed prior to logging in to PowerSchool.

**2021-22 Academic Calendar (Reminder)**

At the Board of Education meeting on December 15, the Academic Calendar for the 2021-22 school year was approved. You can find it [HERE](#).

For school specific information, please visit the individual school pages that can be found by clicking the SCHOOLS tab at [bps101.net](https://bps101.net). You will find recent news and events by clicking the “News” and “Calendar” icons on their pages.

Stay tuned for more information as updates become available. If not before, we will be in touch again next Wednesday.

Be well,

BPS101