



Kilmer K8 | E-Bulletin

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Kilmer E-Bulletin:

Here is the first edition of our Kilmer E-Bulletin. I will be sending out an E-Bulletin weekly or bi-weekly, depending on the week. It is my goal to effectively communicate with our learning community on the progress of my transition, the latest updates on the BPS reopening plan, and any other important information. For now, I will be emailing this document in a PDF format. Please be sure to review the attachments as well.

Thank you,

Joseph D. Foley, Principal

Updates:

- **Our Associations:** Yesterday I met the head of our three associations: School Site Council, School Parent Council, and Friends of Kilmer. At this meeting I was "caught up" on all of the amazing work that our families are doing for the benefit of our Kilmer students. The conversation focused on: Increasing Communication across all three associations, Recruitment

of other families to help with this work, and sustaining the great practices that are already in place as well as making some slight adjustments. **Next Steps: 1. We will be meeting again in two weeks to continue this conversation. 2. I will be meeting with our Executive SPC Team as well as our School Site Council. More information to follow.**

- **Meeting Staff:** In an effort to get to know our incredible staff, I have started setting up one on one Zoom Meetings where I will be meeting with each staff member to learn more about who they are as a person/educator, share my broad goals for the Kilmer, and some of my expectations. I have been very impressed with every staff member that I have met and look forward to continuing with these meetings through July and August. Thank you Kilmer Staff!!
- **Meeting with our Boston Teachers Union (BTU) Reps:** Tomorrow (Friday), I will be meeting with our BTU Reps to discuss the BPS Reopening Plan, hiring, scheduling, and other items. As a former teacher and former member of the BTU, I highly respect our teachers' union and look forward to working with our BTU Reps.
- **Principal Meet and Greets:** As I shared a few weeks ago at our first Community meeting (see attachments!), I will be hosting a series of meet and greet sessions with our families. I am currently working with BPS on what this could look like. Unfortunately, we are still unable to host "gatherings" at our buildings, hence I will most likely have to host sessions virtually via Zoom. Once I get more clarity, I will send out dates for these Meet and Greets. If you have any ideas as to what this could look like please let me know.

BPS School Reopening Plan:

As some of you know, last night BPS introduced a "DRAFT" of a "POSSIBLE" reopening plan at the School Committee meeting (see attachments). Speaking as a BPS Principal and a BPS parent (my daughter is a rising 1st grader at the Beethoven) when thinking about reopening in the Fall, I am left feeling a wide range of emotions: stress, confusion, concern, excitement..etc. As you review this plan, I am sure that you will not only experience a wide range of emotions as well, but also many questions will arise. In an effort to alleviate some of your concerns, answer some of your questions, and gain a better insight as to your thoughts on reopening, I will be hosting another Community Meeting sometime next week. More information to follow. As I shared with my staff today, I have no doubt that we will draft a reopening plan that is student centered, in alignment with BPS/State expectations, and one that will ensure that everyone can work and learn safely. Please review the attachments below for more information.