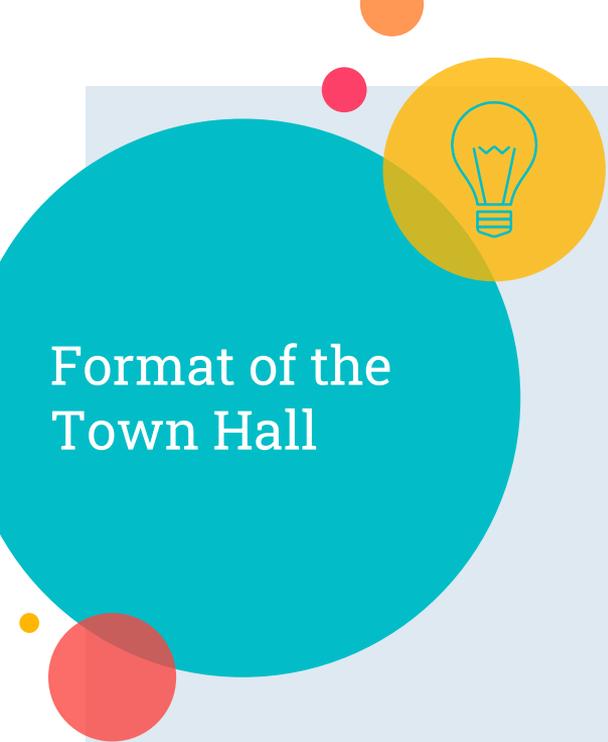




Town Hall for  
Students with  
Disabilities  
School Year  
2020-21





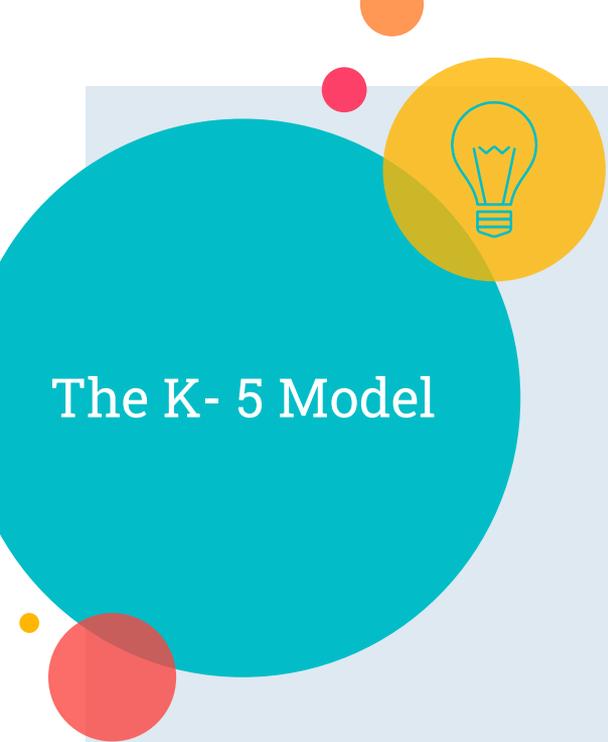
## Format of the Town Hall

All of the questions from the survey I will address in the presentation.

**Please remain muted for the entirety of the presentation.**

If you have further questions, please type them in the comments box. As the meeting goes on I will address as many as I can, If I cannot get to your specific question I will email you the response. Please refrain from putting personal student information in the comments.





## The K- 5 Model

All students programmed in special education classes including; self-contained (LLD, Autism) and K-5 small group or inclusion classes can now attend on M,T,TH,F in person.

Sept 8-18 will be all early release days for all students.

Starting Sept. 21st and on LLD and Autism students have an extended day as outlined in the letter.

Students in RCR or ICR will still leave on each buildings early release schedule.





Will my child's IEP be met if they are 100% virtual?

Yes, we will be in compliance with all IEPs.

Can a sibling of a student with a disability attend on the opposite cohort days also?

Unfortunately no, we are tight on spacing with the current guidelines.

How will related services be delivered?

Related services will be delivered to the best of our ability in person. In some cases virtual instruction will need to occur. You will know your delivery model by your service provider.

Can I change my child from my virtual selection to hybrid so they can attend 4 days in person?

No, Unfortunately this will be evaluated on a case by case basis with specific classes. At the end of the semester you will have the option to choose the hybrid model. This does not guarantee attendance on both cohort days. This option was only available thus far for the first semester. It will be evaluated each semester for feasibility.





How will small group or pull out sessions work?

Special education teachers have classrooms aside from the general education teachers to provide small group instruction. This can happen live or virtually.

How many students are in a classroom?

Class sizes across the district on any given day range from 5-13 students. All of the classrooms are spaced with appropriate social distancing. The average is 10 in-person students in large group classrooms.

Does Kindergarten need Chromebooks?

Yes, Kindergarten is offered Chromebooks to receive their live instruction.

What do afternoons look like?

In each building and grade level the afternoons look different. They can encompass small group instruction, related services, intervention services. Recorded lessons, specials, etc. In the older grades this time is given with their special educators for additional content support.





Will bussing be available for all 4 days?

Yes

Can students remove masks?

The district protocol is that all students and staff wear masks. This can be difficult for some students. In any instance where it is health concern a doctor's note will be required. If a child struggles with mask stamina, such as a preschooler, we will work to enhance this stamina.

Some students are unable to sustain wearing a mask, IEP accommodations or health plans will be developed for these students.

Will students ever be able to remove masks?

Students will have mask breaks throughout the day, this will likely occur outside. If the weather is inclement safe arrangements will be made in the classrooms.

What type of social distancing measures are in place on the bus, in the halls, in the bathrooms?  
Etc?

Please review your buildings protocols sent last week.





Is this option available for students who are “Speech only”?

No, at this time we cannot open this up to “Speech only” students.

Why isn't this happening at BCMS?

Due to class sizes we are unable to offer this option to our 6th - 8th grade students

How will educational assessments be completed?

All assessments for the triennial need to be completed in person. Arrangements can be made for virtual learners to come in to meet 1:1 with our team for evaluations. If the child is in school testing will occur as usual.

Virtual learning is not adequate for my child.

We have worked hard to enhance our model from the spring. Live teaching will deliver new instruction and support to students.

How will desks be set up?

Desks will be all facing one direction and six feet apart from middle of desk to middle of desk.





Can my child go back to 2 days if 4 is not working?

Yes at any point you can go virtual with your child.

You cannot switch to in - person that quickly, that would need administrative approval. This should only occur at semester changes for consistency.

How can parents help their child stay focused during virtual learning?

Routine and schedule is particularly important is setting a strong foundation to virtual learning.

Ensure good sleep good sleep and diet

Set a specific virtual school area with no distractions

Have the child dressed as if they were going to school, no pajamas or too comfy of clothes.

Know the child's daily schedule and have a checklist next to their computer so they can check off what they have accomplished

Celebrate their independence

Schedule a meeting the the teacher or Case Manager if you are having further difficulties. Remember set up the expectation from the start.





The Branchburg School District want you to know we worked hard to get our students with disabilities in person for the maximum time possible remaining in compliance with all of our health and safety regulations.

We ALL would prefer to be pandemic free and back to normal! Hopefully we are there soon!

Thank you for attending and your on-going patience, kindness and support!

