

July 10, 2020

Dear BASD Families,

As the Burlington Area School District makes plans to return on August 17 with in-person learning, we understand that some families feel reluctant to send their student/s to school. We are working diligently each day to provide a safe setting for our students and staff, but we want to make families aware of a virtual option through [JEDI Virtual School](#).

BASD has had a partnership with JEDI for several years to meet the needs of students who wanted a virtual learning option. This year, we will expand our partnership with JEDI to offer a 4K-12 virtual option for families who, due to concerns about COVID-19, would prefer virtual learning. Residents in the District may enroll in the virtual school at no additional cost beyond the usual student registration fee.

JEDI works with school districts across the state to offer a virtual learning experience based on state standards. They have established their own grade-level appropriate learning plans. So, while the standards are the same, BASD's in-person education will be on a separate track from JEDI's learning plans. Further, due to the construction schedule, BASD's 20-21 school calendar will be from August 17 - May 21. JEDI's school calendar will be from September 1 - June 4. This means that BASD and JEDI's calendars do not align. However, if your child is a senior, JEDI will work to ensure the coursework can be completed by graduation.

If you decide to pursue the virtual learning option, you may at any time return to instruction at a BASD school. The reverse is also possible. Should you decide to begin with in-person instruction and then want to transition to JEDI, we can assist with this as well. It is encouraged that students who are in credit-bearing classes make the transition at the semester break.

In addition to JEDI teachers and support staff, BASD will have a designated staff member who will serve as a learning coach and work in conjunction with JEDI. This individual will help to register students and will monitor student progress in the JEDI program throughout the year. Weekly reports of progress will be maintained and there will be on-going communication with parents.

To learn more about this virtual learning option, families may attend an informational meeting via Zoom on Thursday, July 23 at 5 pm.

REGISTER at bit.ly/38MyvCU

Zoom log-in details will be sent by email.

In this unprecedented time, the Burlington Area School District is focused on keeping students and staff safe, caring for the social-emotional and mental health needs of students, keeping learning coherent, and meeting the needs of every student. We understand that every student and family has unique circumstances. While we believe

that returning to in-person learning will accommodate the majority of families, we want to ensure that all families have access to quality education.

Please explore the JEDI Virtual School website (<https://jedivirtual.org/>) and plan to attend the informational meeting on July 23 to learn more. Thank you for your continued support of the Burlington Area School District.

Sincerely,

Connie Zinnen
Assistant Superintendent - Instructional Services

July 20: Online Registration Begins
July 23: JEDI Virtual School Informational Meeting
July 30: In-person Registration (Karcher Middle School)
August 17: First Day of School