



BAYSTATE ACADEMY CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

2001 Roosevelt Avenue
Springfield, MA, 01104
(413)366-5100 office
(413)366-5101 fax
www.bacps.net

Timothy Sneed
Founding Executive Director

Joretha S. Lewis
Principal

August 24, 2020

Greetings Baystate Academy Families,

I hope you and your family are safe and well. I am humbled to serve as your scholar's principal and look forward to an amazing school year. Whether digital or face-to-face, our priorities remain the same: support scholars to become ethical citizens, create learning environments where all students can succeed, and, most importantly, make sure families are a part of the school community. Over the last few months, we all have faced challenges, losses, and uncertainties, but we have found strength in our connection with friends and family. Relationships will be the backbone of the work we do this year. This work is impossible without you. I want to personally thank you all for your hard work and dedication to your scholar during our spring session of remote learning. We could not have accomplished it without each of you.

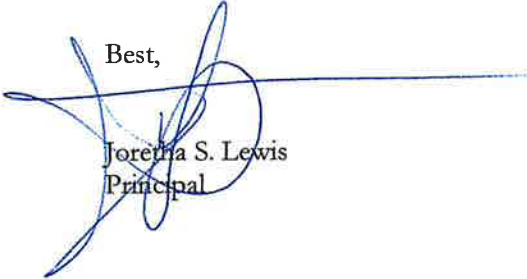
Over the last few months, the Baystate family has been working to prepare policies, procedures, and digital classrooms to ensure we have the safest and best learning environment possible for all scholars and staff. This year presents a unique opportunity to change how we educate young people and we are committed to making this a landmark year. Because students will not be on campus while receiving virtual instruction, we understand that access to technological resources is key to the success of all. Included with this letter are details about laptop distribution, our virtual uniform policy, the school calendar, and staff contact information.

School starts on **September 14, 2020**, and will be remote learning (phase 1), which means that students will participate in online learning programs. Students and teachers will interact in a **LIVE** setting daily. Students will be required to join their virtual classes each day at the times listed on their individual schedules. All students will sign into the teacher's Google classroom daily to access live classes and assignments. Attendance will be recorded daily and each period.

School hours are **8:00 am - 2:30 pm Monday - Thursday** and **8:00 am - 1:30 pm Friday**. Schedules will be emailed and mailed to families the week of **September 7, 2020**. Crew teachers will begin contacting families starting **August 31, 2020**, to build community, connect with students, and discuss classes. Please contact the front office if you have any questions or need to update family contact information.

I encourage you to visit our website and become familiar with the virtual learning handbook and school reopening information. Let's continue to stay connected and make this an amazing school year.

Best,


Joretha S. Lewis
Principal