

## **Brighter Choice Charter Schools Re-Opening**

Kindergarten camp will take place August 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. The first day of instruction for all grade levels is September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The doors open at 7:25 a.m. and instruction takes place from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Friday we will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. This will allow teachers to analyze scholar data and plan for instruction using this data. Our goal is to make sure all scholars are making progress and the heart of this work will take place on Fridays.

This school year we will continue to follow guidance provided by the NYS Education Department and Albany County Health Department. The most recent guidance for schools dictates that students should wear masks in class; therefore please ensure your scholar comes to school with a mask and an extra mask in her book bag each day. Upon arrival your scholar's temperature will be taken and she will receive hand sanitizer. We will continue with co-horting scholars and will have subject area teachers transition to classrooms with the exception of P.E., where scholars will transition to the gym. Scholars will continue to eat in their classrooms with desk barriers during meal consumption. Scholar hand sanitation will occur before and after all meals. We will continue to sanitize scholar desks and frequently touched points throughout the building at least twice a day. Our goal is to make sure our building is safe and all scholars remain healthy.

As with all schools around the nation, our scholars have been impacted academically and social emotionally by the ramifications of COVID-19. Our teachers will receive Professional Development on best practices in the classroom for scholar remediation. This includes a morning meeting curriculum which will be utilized to target social emotional topics and intervention blocks to target academic gaps. Our school has also purchased an online assessment and instruction program called i-Ready that helps teachers provide all students a path to proficiency and growth in reading and mathematics.

We look forward to our continued partnership and a year of high academic and social-emotional gains.