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BHSD parents/guardians-

I have an update that is packed with information this week, so I will do my best to keep it brief. Here we go:

• **Board meeting Monday night**

- Click [HERE](#) to view the agenda
 - Directions to access the livestream of the meeting are located at the top of the agenda.
- Hot Topics
 - We will be discussing/finalizing plans for a return to the blended-hybrid model in January. There has been a shift in guidance from the health department, which I will explain very openly at the Board meeting.
 - Our Board will be voting to approve the tax levy for 2020. If our school finances is something that interests you, you can click [HERE](#) to view a document I have put together which should give you a good snapshot which guides our decisions on the tax levy. I am glad to answer any questions you may have on this anytime, so just reach out to me.
 - Parents/students/staff will be sharing with the board the results from our focus groups and surveys that were recently completed. Thank you to the many of you who participated in this process! We are grateful for your input and look forward to using that input to assist in decision making.

• **Q&A with Mr. Gold**

- I will be hosting a Q&A “town hall” on Wednesday night from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. During this time, I will provide a very short overview of information shared at the Board meeting along with decisions from the Board meeting. Then I will turn the floor over to questions/concerns that I can help answer and clarify. Click [HERE](#) if you are interested, and I will follow-up by sending a calendar invitation with Zoom connection information.

- **Transportation**

- As we prepare for a possible return to in-person learning, we are making an adjustment to increase capacity to two children per seat. This is in line with recommendations from IDPH as evidence in schools who are currently transporting supports this.
- We encourage use of our busses if at all possible in order to reduce the traffic on and around campus.
- If you were not getting transportation before and would like to add your children to the transportation list, click one of the links below:
 - [Primary/Elementary](#)
 - [Middle School](#)

- **Virtual Play**

- I have to give a huge kudos to our BHMS Fine Arts program for hosting our first ever “virtual” performance this weekend. Click [HERE](#) to get more information, as you or your kids may be interested in viewing from home.

And finally, I need to share that my heart is pretty heavy today, knowing that two students at Gavin School District 37 lost their life last night in a tragic house fire. It adds some perspective for me in regards to the current things in my own life that I think are challenging. To see a family going through this is just heartbreaking. If you are interested in supporting the family, a Go Fund Me page has been set up which can be viewed [HERE](#).

I hope you all can enjoy time this weekend with people you are close with.

Bob Gold
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