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**2020-2021 School Year Programs**

BGCT parents and guardians,

These past 5 months have proven to be challenging, complex and certainly a time like no other. No one has been untouched by the impact that has brought on by COVID-19, coupled with the important call for action on racial injustice and equity. Stress, frustration, anger, anxiety and uncertainty are at all-time high. We have and remain committed to youth and families who need us more than ever.

When 2020 began, we certainly could not have predicted the way this year would go, and there are still so many unknowns in the weeks and months ahead. We are learning as we go, with no clear end in sight to this global pandemic, its economic impact and social impact, racial unrest, or political divisiveness in our nation. What we do know and what we want you to know is we remain committed to you, our community and most importantly kids and teens and who need us most. There is no barrier too high, no challenge too complex that we will not steadfastly work through to reach youth as we have done so proudly in this community for 62 years. As you prepare for a new school year like no other, we have developed plans to accommodate needs never experienced before. Those plans have been aligned with each district's back to school plan to support remote learning needs for working parents, virtual learning support to achieve success outside the classroom for families unable to provide the level of support needed in the home and most importantly a safe environment for youth and teens to thrive in these most confusing times.

Our commitment is unwavering, and we will continue to rise in our efforts to meet the changing, urgent needs of kids and teens and doing whatever it takes to provide solid footing for great futures!

Dawn McWilliams, CEO