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Good morning, I wanted to pass along some information regarding the district's Return to Learn Planning. Every district in the state was required to create and submit a Return to Learn Plan for required continuous learning by July 1st. As you may remember our plan was developed and shared with the board during their June meeting and has been submitted to the state. The plan we submitted outlines how we plan to operate if we are required to close our school buildings and all students and staff must move to required online learning, like the situation we found ourselves in this past spring. Should we find ourselves in a similar situation this upcoming year our students will be required to participate in online learning and we will implement the plan that we have submitted to the state.

Additionally, each district has been encouraged to create two additional plans; a plan for returning to school in the fall and how we will implement mitigation strategies to protect our students and staff from the spread of COVID-19, and a Hybrid plan that would incorporate a blend of face-to-face learning and online learning where we could reduce the number of students within our building on a daily basis in order to increase social distancing and meet guidelines where we were only allowed to have 50% occupancy within our buildings and on our buses. We had created a draft of each of these plans and were awaiting additional guidance from the DE about reopening our schools and what mitigation measures we would need to have in place in order to do so safely. The mitigation measures we put in place would be similar for both our full onsite and hybrid plans.

We received the DE guidance late last week and essentially it has left most of the decision making process up to local districts working in conjunction with their local county departments of public health. We have been told to follow their guidance based on the conditions within our county/district.

Based on the current guidance we are planning for all of our students to return in the fall.

I wanted to provide you a tentative timeline for how our planning process will look over the next several weeks.

July 6-10 - Review and update plans with local department of public health

July 13 - Provide drafts of our Onsite and Hybrid plans to the school board at our regular board meeting for discussion.

July 14-21- Survey sent to parents/students and staff seeking feedback on various plans.

July 21-27 - Review and update plans based on feedback and guidance at that time.

July 28-30 - Board approval of Onsite and Hybrid plans

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While I can understand the need for timely information so that we can all plan for the fall, the reality is that the guidance we are receiving and the conditions within the state and our county are changing daily. All we can do is take the information we have at the time and prepare accordingly.

I understand there are and will continue to be lots of questions regarding what school will look like this fall. I feel it is safe to say that no matter what model of learning we begin the year under it is going to look different from what we are used to. One area that is of big concern is transportation. Should we have to reduce the number of students on our buses we may have to reevaluate our current bus routes and shuttle routes in order to meet these reduced capacity requirements. We will make every effort to communicate these changes to the affected families as soon as possible. Every aspect of our school day is going to look different, which is understandable when you look at how the rest of our lives are being affected by the virus. Our hope is to implement the mitigation measures that are recommended allowing us to bring our students back onsite while continuing to offer the best educational environment possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through all of the logistics that are required to make a change of this magnitude.

Thank you,



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