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Good Evening to All,

It is my sincere hope that this message finds you well and enjoying the long holiday weekend. We are half way through January and moving quickly to the close of the first semester of school. As you are aware, on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, we are returning to hybrid instruction. The State is talking about the possibility of both Fall II and spring sports season. Open gym/conditioning programs are still allowed. In his State of the State address, Governor Cuomo spoke of increasing the number of rapid testing sites, working to provide vaccinations to wider groups of people and looking forward to working with the NYS Council of the Arts to open theaters, museums, and other art focused venues in the months ahead.

While many students, parents, and teachers are excited about the return to school, there are still others with feelings of apprehension. These feelings are to be expected. However, if we want the school to open, and stay open, we need to make COVID safe decisions. It cannot impressed upon each one of us enough; if you or your children are not feeling well, please stay home and/or keep your children home. If you, or someone in your family is showing any symptoms of COVID, again, please stay home.

While this has been and continues to be exhausting, please diligently follow all COVID safety precautions. Wear masks, wash hands frequently, always wash your hands before eating, consider signing up for the vaccine, practice social distancing at all times, and reduce the number of individuals with whom you socialize. This is the hardest. We are social beings. We want to be around other people. Reducing social activities and social groupings is hard for all of us; even more so for children, teenagers, and young adults. But if we want, and for many working parents who desperately need, our children in school we all need to persevere. Here at school we will continue to require the wearing of masks, maintaining the recommended six (6) feet for social distancing, and increased cleaning protocols.

Regardless of our efforts, some parents may still be anxious or not convinced about the decision to have their children return to school. Those feelings are completely understandable. Please remember, our district continues to offer a 100% remote option. Not all schools in our area offer this option, but CCS does. If you feel most comfortable with this instructional model, it is there for you to use. Simply contact one of our Building Principals to set this up.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the continued patience and flexibility you have shown throughout the school year. Please know that if everyone does their best to follow the COVID safety steps provided above we will be able to keep our school open. We can do this. By working together we can make the remainder of the school year a success for our students, our parents, our working families and for everyone here at our school.

Sincerely Yours,

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Interim Superintendent