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Hello Bulldog Families,

First and foremost, congratulations to all! We successfully finished the first semester in our hybrid learning plan for the entire semester with no adaptive pause. This is because of the collective, team effort of EVERYONE--parents, students, staff and community. I offer my sincerest and deepest THANKS !

As of the sending of this email, we have seen a steady decline in COVID 19 cases in our school district since returning to school from the Thanksgiving break. Currently, (as of the sending of this email) we have just one staff member who is positive for COVID 19. Since December 1, we have had only four (4) positive cases of COVID 19 among staff and 13 positive cases among students. NONE of these cases were transmitted at school. And, as I have stated before, we only have one case that we believe to have been transmitted at school in early September, and another possible case transmitted at school in that same time period. Again--this is due to the efforts of ALL of us to engage in the safety and mitigation protocols to keep our students in school and to keep both students and staff safe while in school.

Students will return to school/instruction will begin on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

When we return to school in January, we will be on a different school plan than we were during the first semester. Students will attend school for a full day for four days per week, Tuesday through Friday. Mondays will remain as a fully remote day of learning for all students.

The starting and dismissal times for each building are:

Tuesday-Friday
8:30-2:00

Middletown Prairie

PK AM 8:30-11:00

PK PM 12:15-2:45

Lincoln Trail 8:45-2:15

Junior High 9:30-3:05

High School 9:35-3:21

ATLAS 8:15-1:45

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This change has resulted in a few changes in our transportation schedules. This is so we can abide by the mandate from the Illinois Department of Public Health that no more than 50 students be on a bus at one time. If your child(ren) rides a bus, you can check in Skyward for any possible changes starting on Monday, December 28, 2020.

Please know that any information about COVID 19, including our current health protocols, updated 12/17/20 per new IDPH guidance, as it relates to quarantine periods for K-12 schools, is available on our website at:

<https://www.ms.k12.il.us/covid-dashboard>

While we are on winter break, please contact District Nurse Nita Bachman if your student, you or other family members test positive for COVID-19. This will enable us to continue monitoring our school district's COVID-19 data and track quarantine release dates as we bring students back for the second semester.

Please do not hesitate to contact Nita at nbachman@ms.k12.il.us or (217) 493-0699, if you have any questions.

We are offering an opportunity for our students to be tested for COVID-19 before we return to school.

Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2020

Time: 8:00-noon and 1:00-6:00

Place: This will take place at our drive-thru testing area at Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School in the bus lane. Enter the bus lane ON MAIN STREET AND GO NORTH. DO NOT ENTER THE BUS LANE ON STATE STREET. Testing takes place outside of the cafeteria.

Closer to the date of January 5, 2020, you will receive a form to sign up for a time for your child(ren) to be tested on that date. Parents/guardians must also fill out a consent form for their child (ren) to be tested.

As we bring our first semester to a close today, I again cannot begin express my thanks to all of you, as our families, for your continued support, patience, care and communication. I realize and acknowledge that there have been frustrations, glitches and difficult situations that have arisen through the first semester. We also know that even with the hope of the vaccine and expanded testing, that the pandemic is not yet over, and we will need to continue to be flexible through the second semester of the 20-21 school year.

I wish you the Happiest of Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Have a restful break!

Very sincerely,

Dr. Lindsey A. Hall

Superintendent of Schools

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