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Dear Parents,

We are planning to have the students return to in person learning four days a week in the middle/high school. Based on the responses to our survey, we believe that we can bring those students, who indicated the desire, back safely for a pilot period, beginning with the high school on March 15th and the middle school on March 22nd. The pilot period will be extended as long as we can all practice a safe return to school and that we don't experience an outbreak of Covid 19 among staff and students.

This return to in school learning is possible because our District remains Green under the health advisory system, and the rates of transmission of Covid 19 have been low in school communities. For this to continue, it is imperative that we all continue to follow the health and safety measures.

The ventilation in the new building is functioning well. We will continue to stagger release times for mask breaks, lunches, recesses and between class changes. Students will need to continue to wear their masks on buses, sit with their in-home relatives, and practice distancing. If you can bring your student(s) to school it will be appreciated and help us to get as many students back as possible.

If you did not fill out the return to school survey and wish to have your student(s) return to school, please call their school in order to be placed on a waiting list. As soon as we can accommodate your child, we will contact you. The pilot will be in place as long as we can keep students safe; as always, it will take all of us working together to make it successful. We'll reevaluate to see how everything is going after April vacation.

Sincerely,

Mike Hammer, Superintendent