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Dear Parent,

We would like to take a moment to follow up the August 25 communication regarding optional *Test to Stay and Learn* option available to our students. In that letter we advised that the program would become available shortly after Labor Day. We are happy to report that we will be able to provide this opportunity starting September 9, 2021. Below is specific information from that communication:

The contact's parent can complete a separate form consenting to participate in daily testing for seven school days following the exposure, provided no symptoms develop during that time. The test is called the Abbott-BinaxNOW Antigen Test. Collecting a specimen for this test involves inserting a small swab, similar to a Q-tip, approximately one inch into the front of the nose. Results are received within approximately 15 minutes.

If the day's test is negative, and the student remains asymptomatic, the student may attend. If the test is positive, the student will then be sent home and must remain at home for 10 days. The "Test to Stay and Learn" option is completely voluntary. You, as the parent/guardian can opt-in or out at any time.

Again, this opportunity is completely optional. Parents can opt-in or out at any time. Parents may opt in by using the following link:

Test to Stay and Learn Link

You may also find the link on our webpage under "Explore".

Please let us know of questions you may have. Thank you.

Lonnie Moser, Superintendent Erin Wenger, School Nurse Christina Simpson, School Nurse