Dear Edgewater Community,

Our first month has gone so fast. I want to thank you, the students, and our staff for a great start. I am grateful that we continue to have no verifiable in-school transmission or cases in our schools. I believe this is due to our students and staff adhering to our COVID protocols and the vaccination rates in our populations. Currently, over ninety-five percent of our team have vaccine cards on file in our office.

We continue to develop plans to comply with Executive Order 253, requiring all school employees to either provide adequate proof that they have been fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at minimum one to two times weekly. This requirement shall take effect on October 18, 2021. While there is no vaccine or testing mandate for students, there are differences in the quarantine protocols for fully vaccinated individuals and those who are not.

Finally, if your student is sick, please keep them home from school. If someone in the household is exhibiting symptoms of COVID, please keep your student home from school. As a rule for any illness, students should not come to school until they are fever-free for twenty-four hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. If we observe these simple guidelines, we will continue to have a positive in-person experience.

Thank you again for a great start to the school year.

Sincerely,

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