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Dear Center Cass Families -

We are officially up and going! It was a great Monday. Please find a short update below.

- We had approximately 85% of our students and employees in person teaching and learning today. Of the other 15%, approximately 10% were COVID related and the other 5% were non-COVID related.
- We had very few visits to the nurse today and everyone in school appeared healthy.
- In the Governor's Press Conference today, there was
 - no recommendation for remote learning (in-person learning is still the goal)
 - a high probability that boosters will be available for students aged 12-15 soon
 - continued and repeated recommendations for vaccines, boosters, quarantine, proper mask wearing, distancing, hand washing, and proper masks (cloth not preferred). Preferred masks are N95, KN95, KF94, surgical, or tight fitting multi-layer.
- In our DuPage County Health Department call today, there was no recommendation from the County for remote learning. All signs point to continued in-person learning.
- COVID transmission last week reached its highest level in DuPage County since the pandemic started. The seven-day average for student cases (ages 5-14) peaked and is trending back down.
- Although IDPH has adopted CDC's new guidance on shortened quarantines for adults outside the school setting, there are no shortened quarantines for adults and students inside the school setting.
- The 5-day quarantine from the CDC for vaccinated non-symptomatic individuals only applies to adults outside school setting, it does not apply to students or school employees. CDC is expected to release new school guidance next week.

We appreciate your support in following CDC, IDPH, and DCHD guidance. If guidance pertaining to schools change, we will let you know.

Sincerely –

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