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Dear Navarro ISD Parents / Guardians,

I want to take a moment to talk about the uncertainty of the fall. I know many of you are waiting on our decisions around what the fall will look like, but the truth is **some of the biggest decisions that will impact what will happen are not currently in our hands to make**. The first major factor is whether the Governor or TEA will require 6 feet of space between students. This is impossible to achieve without cutting our class sizes in half or more which would necessitate some sort of alternating schedule. I am hopeful that with the continued reopening of Texas, that this may not be required in the fall, but current TEA Summer School protocol mandates 10:1 student/teacher ratio. The second major factor is whether they will require 14 days of isolation for every student who tests positive for COVID along with every person with whom they've had regular contact. This is also the current protocol for Summer activities. This alone would lead to major disruptions to our schools remaining open throughout the 2020-21 school year.

One of the challenging aspects of this planning is that **these decisions have not yet been made for 2020-21, nor have we been given a timeline for when those decisions will be made**. We also don't have any indication whether there will be flexibility based on geographic regions – as we currently have a very low number of cases in our county and nearly non-existent cases in our community.

I am asking for every family to complete this survey which asks several questions about your feelings concerning this upcoming year including your comfort level with attending under different scenarios and allows you to ask specific questions and share concerns. Our hope is that we would have local control to make the best decisions for our families and we will use this feedback to help guide our next steps. Please complete the survey by June 22nd.

I close with this: These are enormous challenges to tackle. There is no magic wand I can wave or decision I can make that will completely solve them. But I do know... there is no one I would rather tackle them together with than the students, staff, and community of Navarro ISD!

Mrs. Wendi Russell
Superintendent