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Dear Harrisburg Unit # 3 Staff , Students and Community ,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools on the 2020-21 school year.

This 60-page document has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what the 2020-21 school year will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing masks, social distancing and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

Right now, we don't have all the answers to those questions as this document was released to school districts at the same time it was released to the public. Therefore, we kindly ask for your patience as our staff thoroughly reviews this detailed guidance and implements the suggestions into our district's own transition plan.

The Harrisburg Unit #3 School District is keenly aware of the urgent need to communicate to families about what to expect next school year and anticipate releasing our own transition plan once our team has been able to review the document and make sure that any plan we put in place meets these requirements, is in the best interest of the district and keeps our students and staff safe.

As you may know, our district formed transition teams earlier this month and has already been discussing options. This guidance will accelerate those conversations, and I'm confident our district can put forth a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our students while maintaining a dynamic learning environment.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as our entire district navigated a situation together that none of us could have imagined.

I will be in touch soon. In the meantime, stay safe, enjoy your summer and stay **BULLDOG STRONG!**

Sincerely,

Mike Gauch
Superintendent