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Dear CUSD # 3 Families,

I hope this message finds you well. This week 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 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 ask for your patience as our staff thoroughly reviews this detailed guidance and creates our district's own transition plan.

Our district formed a transition team earlier this summer and has already been discussing some 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.

To further assist our planning, please complete this survey <https://forms.gle/d3HLdkKMjmZbmeyD6> to provide additional information we need for our planning process.

The district is keenly aware of the urgent need to communicate to families about what to expect next school year and anticipate releasing our transition plan on or before July 21, 2020.

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 and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Angela Simmons-Kenser, Superintendent of Schools