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Dear Clinton County Parents and Guardians,

The suspension of face-to-face instruction since March 16, 2020 has been challenging both for families and educators. During this time, schools have been providing instruction through many different methods including virtual, printed packets, video lessons and more. We also worked together to provide food service programs, mental health supports, internet services/connectivity, and sustained employment all while maintaining a connection with the students we serve. Your patience, understanding and commitment to learning was a crucial factor in the success of Clinton County Students.

As school year 2019-2020 has come to an end, planning for school year 2020-2021 has been ramping up during these uncertain times. In planning for the Fall 2020, our top priority is the safety of students and staff while providing an excellent education for Clinton County Students. Clinton County Schools, along with schools in neighboring counties are looking at options for reopening schools along with guidance from the State of Michigan.

On Tuesday, June 30, 2020 Governor Whitmer announced **Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap**. Parents have been a valuable resource over the last few months by helping students engage with new educational methods, helping with homework, encouraging your children, and providing engaging input. We are requesting your continued input as we plan for multiple scenarios in following the Governor's Road Map for our Fall return to school.

During the **week of July 13, 2020** you will receive electronically a **Clinton County Back to School Parent Planning Survey**. Clinton County Superintendents are requesting you complete and submit this anonymous survey upon receipt. Thank you in advance for taking time to complete the survey! Your input will be taken very seriously and be crucial to help ensure students and staff have a healthy learning and working environment in the 2020-2021 school year. Please join us as we work together to safely bring our children back into the classroom!

Sincerely,

Clinton County Superintendents

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