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Dear USD 379 Families and Staff,

With the August 19th start of school rapidly approaching, I wanted to provide you with an update on our process to plan for a safe reopening. KSDE has developed a task force that has been developing reopening guidelines for schools. These are going to be guidelines, not mandates, that school districts can utilize to develop their own reopening plans. USD 379 will begin the planning process and committee organization once the guidance from KSDE has been received in mid July. We will develop two committees composed of administrators, teachers, parents, students and board members. One will focus on operations and one will focus on teaching and learning. We will also be sending out a survey to receive feedback as we begin our planning process. Our number one goal is to start school as normal as possible in the safest manner possible. We will unveil our plan in late July or early August.

We have worked on a technology plan that will allow each of our PreK through 12th grade students to have a device for use at school. Our high school students will be able to take the devices home at night while our PreK-8th grade will keep devices at school on a regular basis. With this plan, if we are put into a remote learning situation, we will send all devices home to ensure we have one device per student for continued learning. We will also be utilizing a learning management system called Schoology. This will allow one place for all parents and students to go for their guidance from their school.

Enrollment information: Late July we will be sending out snapcodes to returning students and also links to for new students (including Kindergarten) to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year. We will share this via email, social media, and local media outlets. Our in person enrollment days will be August 4th (7:30 to 3:30pm) and 5th (Noon to 8:00pm) at each building. Kindergarten Roundup will be held on July 30th.

I strongly believe there is no substitute for our children being educated and supported within the walls of our facilities by our world class teachers and staff. Therefore, it is our primary goal to have as normal as a year as possible while ensuring our students and staff are safe. Thank you for your continued support, grace and understanding during these challenging times. Have a great rest of your summer. See you in August!

Your partner in education,

Brett Nelson  
Superintendent, Clay County USD 379