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Topic: Return to School/Option of Remote Learning

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we make preparations to return to school for the 2020-2021 school year, there are many questions, thoughts, misperceptions, etc..... about how the school year will work. The State Board of Education has delivered guidance for school districts to reopen. The State's Main Goals are as follows.

- 1. Conduct In-Person Learning in the safest environment possible for all stakeholders.
- 2. Attend to the social/emotional needs of all stakeholders to ensure they are prepared to return to learn.

The District in coordination with State officials, legal advice, the District Leadership team and other stakeholder's have worked hard to develop a plan to return to school. We expect many questions and concerns about our plans and we welcome your feedback. The only way we can be successful is by all working together. Further, the guidance we have been given changes every 48 hours, so there will probably be many changes before we start the school year. Further, once we begin the school year, there will be situations which we will have to make adjustments and communicate those to you.

Some of you may have certain concerns or fears about your students returning to school due to their health or someone in your immediate family's health. There will be an option to commit to Remote Learning and if this is your choice we ask you notify the District by Monday, August 3, 2020. If you choose Remote Learning please understand it is a commitment for the minimum of the 1st quarter.

The biggest thing is we have missed our students and we welcome them back for this school year. While it will be different, the educational impact the staff can make in person is significant. I look forward to the chance to welcome our students back on August 11th, while I won't be able to see their smile I will be able to tell how happy they are by the looks in their eyes.

Thank you,

Jon Green

Superintendent