



# CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

*Encourage Excellence Every Day with Compassion, Commitment, and Community*

July 31, 2020

Central 51 Families,

Please see the attached [Central 51 Fall 2020 Return to School Plan](#). We know it will not answer all of your questions. More information will be sent to parents from our building administrators in the coming days to provide more answers. The plan is the product of the work and collaboration of close to 150 different meetings and hundreds of conversations between teachers, administrators, nurses, custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, administrative assistants, paraprofessionals, grade level teams, building leadership teams, parents, Washington 51 Education Association, State and Regional officials, attorneys, liability insurance carrier, Board of Education members and our Central 51 Transition Team. I am proud of the work our staff has completed through the month of July and the overwhelming willingness of so many of our staff to come in and work diligently over their summer vacation with the end goal of getting our students back in our schools as safely as possible.

One of our biggest worries at this time is that we may not even have the opportunity to have our students in person learning in our classrooms in September. Yesterday Governor Pritzker was in Peoria, and he stated in a press conference, "I'll be frank, we need to see some change here in the Peoria area when it comes to the coronavirus pandemic." He continued, "If this region has four more days of people getting sicker and needing a hospital bed, that means bars will close again and a possible reduction of service at restaurants and smaller capacity limits on other activities." The data trend in our region is becoming an increasing concern for our school district.

We will hold a Special Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00pm in the new CIS Choir Room to approve the plan and act on other district business. The Special Board Meeting agenda will be posted publicly on our website and on the front door of Central Intermediate School. [Board policy on public comments](#)

If parents and staff would like to make sure your comments/feedback are considered by the Board of Education and Administration before the meeting, please use this email [feedbackreturntoschool@central51.net](mailto:feedbackreturntoschool@central51.net). The Central 51 Board of Education and Administration will have access to this email account.

For those in attendance, we will be adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Please plan to social distance and wear a mask.

Again, we appreciate your support, understanding, patience, and grace as we navigate this global crisis together. Have a wonderful weekend and take care! #wegothis

Sincerely,

Dale Heidbreder, Superintendent