August 11, 2020

Greetings EGF Families and Staff Members,

A DRAFT of the 2020-2021 EGF ISD 595 School Re-Entry Plan was shared with the Board of Education on Monday, August 10, 2020. You can access the DRAFT of the Plan by going to EGF ISD 595 2020-21 Re-Entry Plan DRAFT. The Re-Entry Plan is still a work in progress and will formally be approved by the Board of Education on Monday August 17, 2020.

MN school districts were directed to start the planning process for three different scenarios (in-person, hybrid and distance learning) earlier this summer. Governor Walz announced on July 30, 2020 that districts would need to use county level COVID-19 case number data and consult with local public health officials when determining the best model for returning to school this fall. He also announced that there would be five possible scenarios instead of three where a focus was placed on trying to get younger students in front of their teachers on a regular basis. The decision making guidance used by school districts can be found on the first two pages on the Re-Entry Plan. Based on the latest area data, district leaders are recommending the in-person model for grades PK-5 and hybrid model for grades 6-12, which is the second entry level (10-19 cases per 10,000) listed in the guidance.

Please take a little time to read the DRAFT of the Re-Entry Plan and feel free to reach out to district leaders if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Questions can be submitted for review by going to EGF ISD 595 Re-Entry Plan Q & A Form. District leaders will attempt to answer as many of the questions as possible and post them on the District website. The information will also be used to adjust the Plan before it is approved by the Board of Education on Monday, August 17, 2020.

THANK YOU for all of your efforts! It is going to take a real TEAM effort to make the 2020-21 school year a success and I am thankful for my teammates!

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