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To: Parents of Millstadt CCSD #160
From: Dr. Brad Landgraf, Superintendent
Date: August 7, 2020
Re: UPDATE REGARDING 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents,

Two days ago I sent you a message that I expected to be the final update prior to beginning the new school year. As I stated in that message, ‘nothing is more important than the health and safety of our students, staff, and community.’

Today, I participated in a conference call with all St. Clair County school superintendents, the Regional Office of Education, and the St. Clair County Health Department. Many of you have likely already seen the press release from the County Health Department. In summary, the science-based information is as follows: The number of COVID cases and the positivity rate in the county (8.6%) continue to increase. The school age population also has an increasing number of cases. St. Clair County is considered ‘orange’, meaning we have community spread.

Based on the strong recommendation from the health department, the scientific facts, and coordination with other county superintendents, the Millstadt School District must begin the school year with **FULL REMOTE INSTRUCTION**. The science and data will be re-evaluated in about a month (mid-September) to determine if it is safe to return to in-person instruction at that time. Our goal will be to return to in-person instruction when we can confidently bring everyone back to the building safely.

You should have received an invitation to sign up for a conference/orientation time with your child’s teacher. This will occur on Friday, August 14. One parent and the child should attend. This will be a small group, not individual meeting. Therefore, only one parent should attend to learn about procedures, etc.

Remote instruction will begin for all students on August 18 with students following a set schedule for remote learning, which will be provided to you at your parent conference.