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Greetings!

I hope this letter finds all of our families having a healthy and fun summer. As we are entering the Back To School Season, I know many of you have questions about what the fall will look like and it is my hope that you will find many of the answers to those questions in the remainder of this letter.

The administrative, teaching, support staff, food service, building and grounds, and school board teams have worked together with the Health Department and Concord's School-Linked Health Center to develop our Concord's Preparedness Plans as directed by Governor Whitmer's Executive Order #2020-142. Both the Executive Order and the MI Safe School's 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap (MISSRS) provide directives and guidance about how schools should look in the fall.

As you may be aware, the Executive Order requires districts to create three different plans that may be put into action depending on what phase (phases 1-3, 4, and 5) our region is in based on the MI Safe Start Map.

<b>Summary School Allowable Activities According to the MI Safe Schools 20-21 Return to School Roadmap</b>			
Phase 1-3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Online instruction only No in-person instruction. School grounds are closed.	In-person is permissible. In person programs utilize high safety protocols	In-person instruction is permissible with moderate levels of safety protocols. Various protocols and personal protective equipment will continue to be utilized	Full-Time, in-person instruction resumes with minimal to no restrictions.

We are currently in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start plan based on current coronavirus conditions in Jackson County, however, the number of positive cases is reportedly increasing across the state. Therefore, it is impossible to predict where we will be when school is scheduled to start in a few short weeks.

Despite the many unknowns, there are several things that we can be sure of. First, the health and well-being of our students and staff is top priority. Second, our families each have unique needs and our educational team needs to create several learning options for our students. Third, all students must receive a high quality education no matter what learning option they select for the fall. Lastly, we need to place emphasis on the social emotional learning and development of all of our students.

As a result of taking input from our surveys, setting priorities, and following the directives and guidance from the EO 2020-142 and the MISSRS, Concord Community Schools has developed the foundation for what school will look like during the 2020-2021 school year.

Attached to this letter is a flyer that outlines the options and provides some of the general information about school in the fall. As we get closer to the official start of school, we will be sending more information and details on what to expect in each plan, phase, and provided learning options. Two-way communication will be critical, so please know that we are here to answer questions, discuss options and work with you to ensure the success of your child.

In the enrollment packets, that will be arriving early next week, you will be asked to decide whether you would like face to face instruction or online instruction. We understand this is a difficult decision and again please know that any staff member would be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to get ready for the fall. Many things can and will change quickly; plus, there are many moving pieces. Please watch your email for updates as they may occur rapidly in the weeks to come.

This spring was a whirlwind, but our community pulled together and overcame many obstacles. Our high school graduation was a testament to the fierce nature of this community. We will be even better this fall, and we will do it together because we are #ONEHIVE. There is no perfect plan, but I know that Concord's Preparedness Plan is strong and will keep our kids as safe as possible while creating a caring environment that provides high-quality instruction in all formats.

Rebecca Hutchinson  
Concord Community Schools, Superintendent

Concord's COVID-19 Preparedness Plan provides options for our families. It creates structures to keep our students and staff safe, provides high-quality instruction in all learning environments, and places an emphasis on the social and emotional learning and development of all of our students.

## CONCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN

<b>PHASE 1-3</b>	<b>PHASE 4</b>	<b>PHASE 5</b>	<b>REQUIRED SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR ALL PHASES</b>
<p><b>All PK-12 Families:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School grounds are closed.</li> <li><u>Online instruction only.</u></li> <li>PK-12 students are provided Chromebooks to complete work.</li> <li>Systems for accessing work and turning work in for students without the internet will be utilized.</li> <li>Teachers will have scheduled office hours, schedules, and a communication plan shared with families.</li> </ul> <p>Athletics will not be allowed</p>	<p><b>Parents can pick:</b> <u>Online Instruction OR Face to Face</u> All PK-12 students receive a Chromebook</p> <p><b>PK-12 Families Selecting Online:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They will receive instruction from and interact with our CCS staff</li> <li>Teachers will have scheduled office hours and a communication plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>PK-8 Families Selecting Face to Face:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to Face will occur Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.</li> <li>Wednesday will be online for all students unless they require additional support. Arrangements will be made for students to attend these sessions.</li> </ul> <p><b>9th -12th grade students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to Face will occur Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in a hybrid format with two days face to face and three days online. Cohorts A/B will be created.</li> <li>Wednesday will be online for all students unless they require additional support. Arrangements will be made for students to attend these sessions.</li> </ul> <p>Athletics will be allowed under safety protocols</p>	<p><b>Parents can pick:</b> <u>Online Instruction OR Face to Face</u> All PK-12 students receive a Chromebook</p> <p><b>PK-12 Families Selecting Online:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They will receive instruction from and interact with our CCS staff</li> <li>Teachers will have scheduled office hours and a communication plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>PK-12 Families Selecting Face to Face:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to Face will occur Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning, Thursday, and Friday.</li> <li>All students will be on campus - no hybrid schedule at the HS</li> </ul> <p>Athletics will be allowed under safety protocols</p>	<p><u>Cleaning:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extra staff hired to clean -surfaces will be wiped down every four hours</li> <li>Deep cleaning will occur each night</li> </ul> <p><u>Hygiene</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff will learn about the benefits of good hygiene</li> <li>Hands will be washed and/or sanitized every 2-3 hours or at transitions between classes or activities</li> </ul> <p><u>Spacing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to face class size will be capped - 60% fire code capacity</li> <li>Social distancing will be followed when feasible</li> <li>Lunch will be held in smaller groups</li> <li>ES students will receive 2 recesses a day in smaller groups</li> </ul> <p><u>PPE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PK-12 students must wear a mask on the bus</li> <li>6-12 students must wear a mask at all times unless they are eating</li> <li>PK-5 students must wear a mask in common areas like hallways but can remove them in the classroom</li> <li>Masks will be provided if needed</li> </ul> <p>Attendance requirements take in consideration that if a student isn't feeling well they should stay home.</p>