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To: Families of Mr. Schmitz's Second Grade Cohort

From: Joseph Price, Superintendent
Erin Eslinger, Principal

Re: Return to in-person learning

Greetings Barneveld Families,

First and foremost, we would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as it relates to our temporary transition to remote learning. A collective decision was made in collaboration with the Iowa County Health Department last Thursday afternoon (October 2, 2020). Our amazing staff quickly responded and were well prepared to make this change - it is a testament to our collective efforts put forth. This temporary shift has provided us with the time needed to complete contact tracing, as well as develop a reentry plan for a safe return to school.

Through effective [cohorting](#) (isolation of groups of students), we were able to identify and isolate students and staff who may have had possible exposure to Covid-19. Having completed this, we have also been able to identify that Mr. Schmitz second grade cohort can safely return to school starting on **Monday, October 12th**.

Students and staff members who were identified as a close contact (within six feet for fifteen minutes) have been contacted and will remain in isolation for a minimum of 14 days from exposure. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide you with information in a timely manner. Thank you again for your continued support!

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Sincerely,

Joseph Price,
Superintendent

Erin Eslinger,
Principal