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CSD Families,

We are pleased that our virtual learning program has gone very well. We are also satisfied that we have been able to offer uninterrupted in-person learning for our students in grades PreK-2. The 3rd-5th grades students returned last week and had a successful week. As allowed, some families altered the learning platform for their students this week. These changes resulted in some reallocation of staff from virtual to in-person classrooms. We know this is challenging for our students and families affected by these changes but they are done to match resources to needs and to keep our students as safe as possible.

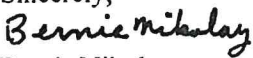
Although we were diligently planning to bring more middle school and high school students back next week, we feel it is prudent to further delay their return to in-person attendance. The reason for this pause is the accelerated rate of COVID-19 cases in Dane and Jefferson County; the health departments are overburdened trying to keep up with notifying close contacts and contact tracing. Also, our district is running at near capacity on custodial staff and substitute teachers. Again, we feel that increasing the number of students in school at this time is likely to be unsuccessful.

Here is summary of our modified in-person learning plan:

Grades Pre-K – 5	Status quo
Special Circumstance Students in Grades 6-12	Status quo
Grades 6, 9 and 10	November 2
Grades 7, 8, 11 and 12	November 9

Any delay longer than this three-week pause will be taken up by the school board at a future meeting.

And finally, I send out a plea to everyone in our community to maintain best practices in COVID-19 prevention so that we can bring our numbers down and return all of our students to school. Please, wear a mask, wash your hands, maintain safe physical distancing and keep your professional and social circles as small as possible.

Sincerely,

Bernie Nikolay
Superintendent