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Dear Parents & Students

I am reaching out today with some positive updates regarding our re-entry plan. During the course of this week we have received some partial orders of cleaning equipment, plexiglass barriers, and signage. Time estimates regarding completion of these orders along with installation time has given us confidence that we can phase various grade levels in more quickly to achieve our goal of in-person learning. To that end, the following timeline describes when each of our grade levels will come to school in-person.

- The week of August 24th, PreSchool through 2nd graders begin school in person. By having our youngest students start first, we can direct all of our adult resources toward training them on all of the processes and procedures that are safety related.
- The week of August 31st, grades 3-5 and high school students will begin attending in-person.
- The week of September 8th, grades 6-8 will join the rest and we will be fully in-person except for those who have chosen the remote learning option.

This approach to getting our students in-person more quickly in no way negates the need or purpose for our plans regarding remote learning. Our Meet the teacher sessions scheduled for Tuesday the 18th and Wednesday the 19th at Wanatah remain vital to the success of our school year. The potential for short and long-term remote learning scenarios will remain a real possibility for us throughout this school year. Therefore, it is extremely important we all work together to be overly prepared for that possibility.

At this point it should be well established that this situation continues to be a fluid one. I realize the frustration multiple changes and updates to our plan can cause. It would please me greatly to be able to set our plan in stone and promise you all there will be no more changes. Unfortunately, I can't do that. I can promise we will keep making the best decisions we can based on current data and advice from our health professionals.

We are growing increasingly more excited at the prospects of getting our students back in-person. If everyone does their part, we will give this school year the best chance for success.

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