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Dear Springfield Community,

I hope that you are having a safe and healthy summer break. As I communicated to you earlier this summer a team of administrators, teachers, staff, and parents has been working diligently to plan for a return to the school buildings this fall. Throughout these discussions the health and safety of students, staff, and families remains our top priority as we plan for the school year ahead. We are daily considering guidance from the Governor's office, Ohio Department of Education, and the Summit County Health Department as we prepare to safely reopen our facilities.

There is no perfect model for how we approach the upcoming school year. Based on the guidance from the Governor's office, each school district is charged with creating a plan for the upcoming school year that works for their community. Our team has studied and considered guidance from many different organizations as we developed guidelines for what we believe to be best for Springfield Local Schools.

We believe the best learning plan for students is to attend in-person five days a week beginning Monday, August 24, 2020 for grade 1-12. Kindergarten will start on August 27 and Preschool on August 31, 2020. This model is outlined below along with what will happen if we would need to close any of our buildings at any point this school year. We also recognize that an online only learning plan is necessary for students who have health concerns or believe that an in-person learning plan is not what is best for them to start the school year.

Our district must be flexible and prepared for changes that the COVID-19 virus is sure to bring. We ask that you review the learning plans with an open mind and know that there may need to be adjustments to these plans as conditions change throughout the school year. These plans address students in grades K-12. The preschool team is meeting and more information will be coming soon regarding preschool learning plans.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work to bring the Springfield Student Community back together for what I believe will be a remarkable year.

Sincerely,



Chuck Sincere