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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Board of Education is planning for something we hope will not impact our area and has been carefully evaluating our options regarding reopening our school buildings. We will continue working closely with the Wood County Health Department, DPI, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To be clear, school learning spaces will look and function differently as additional safeguards have been put in place to limit possible exposure to COVID-19. The Board appreciates your interest in helping make each area as safe as possible for our students, staff, and ultimately your families and greater community.

Some of the safeguards include:

- Wearing of face coverings anytime you are or will be closer than 6' to any other person
- Reorganization of teaching and learning spaces to better accommodate social distancing
- Procedure to serve and consume meals
- 100% distance setting for our students who are unable to return to brick and mortar
- Touchless fixtures throughout the district
- Increased focus on regular hand washing and other personal hygiene practices
- Movement around the buildings and restructured lunch periods
- Decrease non-essential visitors and volunteers
- Face coverings and assigned seating while on the bus
- Increased cleaning schedule of common touch points in all areas

Fall start options include:

- Current preferred option - full student attendance
- Full attendance Grades 4K - 6, hybrid/cohort attendance Grades 7-12
- Hybrid/cohort model for all grades
- Full district distance learning

The Board has not made a final decision about which plan will be used to open school in the fall because the situation is very fluid and changes daily. I cannot stress enough, regardless of how we are able to start the school year, we need to be prepared to transition between all four of the possible scenarios throughout the year. Please refer to the attached document for more detail regarding what each above option would look like.

We expect to have times during the school year which will require some or all of students and staff to be off-site due to COVID-19 infections and exposure quarantine. I encourage you to plan and make arrangements to care for your children in the event of quarantine and/or required school closure. Decisions will continue to be made based on what is in the best interest for all of our kids, staff, and families and future updates will follow.

Our best for their best.

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