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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Based upon the latest survey our school community is evenly split between in-person and remote learning, which is why District 91 is taking a cautious, phased-in approach to bringing students and teachers back into our school buildings.

On Monday, February 8, we will begin the rollout with some students in Kindergarten, third and sixth grades returning to their classrooms for the first time since last spring. On Monday, February 15, grades first, fourth and seventh will report, with grades second, fifth and eighth coming back the week of February 22. In all classrooms, we have small groups with all students spaced at least 6 feet apart. There are very strict protocols in place for health screening and attendance and we ask every parent and guardian to help us by adhering to these guidelines designed to keep everyone protected. The guidelines are outlined in the attached District 91 COVID Handbook. Please read through the handbook carefully so that we can all do our part to keep our school community safe and healthy.

Please know we are following all CDC and IDPH guidelines and doing everything possible to keep your children and staff safe. The vaccine may be here, but we are certainly not out of the woods yet, which is why it is so important to continue to practice safe distancing, wash your hands and wear a mask. Our custodians are working diligently to ensure classrooms, hallways and restrooms are clean and sanitized.

Our educators and administrators have worked tirelessly to prepare for the return to in-person learning knowing they will be teaching in a hybrid environment, working not only with students in the classroom but also with those who will continue to learn remotely. Hybrid learning is not a perfect solution, but we will do our best to provide a quality learning experience for every child in District 91 remote and in-person.

We know our students are anxious to get back in the classroom. Likewise, we are so excited to see our students in the buildings for the first time since last April.

Stay safe and healthy. We will all get through this phase together.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools