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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Beginning on Wednesday, April 7, we will welcome additional students to our in-person instruction. If you selected in-person instruction on our recent survey, your child has been admitted to the classroom. If you selected remote, your child will remain in remote learning. If you did not complete the survey, your child will remain in the same mode of instruction that they are currently in.

We have been working hard to prepare classrooms to accommodate the additional students, following all health and safety protocols. You may have read or heard on the news that the CDC changed some of the guidelines, allowing for 3 feet distance in classrooms instead of 6 feet. However, they did not change the definition of close contact. With 3 feet of distance, we would have to quarantine an entire class if we have a positive case of COVID. Six feet of distance is recommended for staff that have not yet been vaccinated. Currently, about 50% of staff have been vaccinated. Therefore, we are maintaining the 6' distance in our classrooms and all other health and safety measures to ensure the wellness of our students and staff.

Our COVID Handbook outlines all of our health and safety protocols and other important information about attendance, drop off, and pick up. Please read the handbook carefully if your child is attending for in-person instruction. To be successful in bringing back students for in-person instruction, we need the cooperation of everyone. We all have a part to play in the health and safety of our students and staff and we greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation. The link to the Handbook is [District 91 COVID Handbook](#).

The team of administrators, teachers, and board members will continue to monitor the guidelines and metrics. We will make decisions about moving to the next phase of our plan and increasing in-person learning based on the success of our gradual reopening, the metrics, and guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois State Board of Education. When the joint committee considers moving to the next phase of our reopening plan, we will again survey parents to get your very important voice to assist with our decisions.

As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation. There is a light at the end of the tunnel and we are getting closer to it every day. I hope that everyone enjoys their spring break and we look forward to welcoming more students back into our schools following our break.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent