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Students, Parents/Guardians and Faculty and Staff:

Since our communication on August 17, we have been actively engaged with local health departments and other area superintendents to determine thresholds for key community virus transmission metrics. These criteria will give us evidence-based factors to consider when determining which instructional model to implement, and when to transition to a different instructional model. We are close to finalizing these thresholds.

Additionally, within our respective districts we continue to problem solve how to operationalize Illinois Department of Public Health requirements that impacted our original plans to reopen with in-person learning.

This afternoon, suburban Cook County's COVID-19 risk level designation moved to the "Warning" level, indicating there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the community. Of the 102 counties in Illinois, suburban Cook County is one of 30 warning areas in the state, along with neighboring Will County. According to data from August 16-22, suburban Cook County's rate of new cases per 100,000 people and number of new deaths each fall in the "Warning" designation for those criteria, while several other key criteria remain in the "Target" designation.

Unfortunately, this means remote learning for most of our students will continue for the foreseeable future, with the exception of a handful of students based upon IEP programming. Given the current metrics for suburban Cook County, moving to a hybrid model where in-person learning occurs intermittently is unlikely to occur.

When we are able to do so, our districts will employ a phased approach to implement in-person instruction for all students whose parents/guardians prefer they not remain fully remote. In the near future, we anticipate releasing our plan to transition to some form of in-person learning. This plan will include the community virus transmission metrics and thresholds that we will use to inform our decisions on which instructional model to use.

Opening our schools for in-person instruction is a priority for us, and we know it is vitally important for our students and their families. For us to reach that point, however, **everyone in our community must be willing to take the necessary precautions to reduce transmission of the virus.**

Mask up. Wash your hands. Maintain social distancing. Avoid large crowds of people.

Faithfully adhering to these precautions will play a pivotal role in getting our students back where they belong.

They belong in the classroom.

Thank you for your support of public education in the Lemont community.

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