KNOWLEDGE—SKILLS—ATTITUDES FOR SUCCESS

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

As you know, beginning today we will follow the AM/PM Schedule for all elementary students (including all in-person and remote-only students) – <u>Greenbrook Schedule</u> / <u>Waterbury Schedule</u>. Middle school grades will shift to the "<u>AM/PM Middle School Schedule</u>" on November 16. It was wonderful to welcome the first groups of students to inperson learning this morning! We will continue to follow the <u>transition schedule for hybrid learning</u> for the remaining grades over the coming weeks as planned.

Please be assured that the District continues to monitor COVID-19 reports and work closely with the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). We are carefully watching a recent trend upward in COVID-19 cases in DuPage County and the State of Illinois. It is possible that <u>DuPage County COVID-19 School Metrics</u> may move from Moderate to Substantial Community Transmission status. As a school district, we will make a decision whether to continue to offer in-person learning if we can do so safely, and with the review of the D20 Board of Education, Keeneyville Education Association, and Administration. At this time, we will continue to provide in-person and remote instruction as we feel that we can do so safely for our students and staff.

The district will continue the following health and safety measures:

- Teachers and students will wear face masks and maintain physical distancing.
- Daily health certification by staff and students will determine whether the individual is healthy to attend school. Please be sure to evaluate your child's health and complete your Student Health Certification Card every day.
- Parents will receive notification if we have any positive COVID-19 student or staff cases. Parents will receive
 additional notification if their student was in close contact with the positive case. We will report positive test
 cases to DCHD and follow their guidance for handling positive cases.
- We will follow IDPH COVID-19 Exclusion Guidance for student and staff exclusion and returning to learning.
- All school buildings will continue to be cleaned and disinfected daily, as well as nightly deep cleaning.
- We will follow IDPH and DCHD guidance and use "adaptive pauses" that switch students from in-person to remote instruction for one to three weeks when there is evidence of school spread for risk mitigation. These may be done at the classroom, grade-level, school, and/or district level.
- We may also use "adaptive pauses" after Thanksgiving and Winter Break if there is evidence of a lack of selfquarantining students after travel to high-risk areas that places other students and staff at risk.

We need your continued vigilance and commitment to adhering to health guidance and safety protocols. Our ability to keep the schools safe is directly related to your partnership in upholding best practices.

- Keep children home who display any symptoms and adhere to all <u>IDPH guidance</u> regarding COVID-19 symptoms and/or exposure.
- Keep children home if you or other family members are being tested for COVID-19 and are waiting for results.
 If you feel that any family member may have it, please treat all family members as exposed until testing determines otherwise.
- Wear a face covering and practice social distancing when in public.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap.

We know that this year has been challenging for you, your children, and us. We thank you again for your support and partnership in helping to keep community as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo Superintendent of Schools Keeneyville ESD 20