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Good afternoon,

The strange end to the 19-20 school year continues into 20-21 with very slow to arrive and often contradictory information from the Governor's office, the State Education Department and the Department of Health. School Districts throughout the state are working feverishly to ensure that we have the best, most current and accurate information from each agency to develop plans for a "safe return" to school.

Currently, we understand that social distancing will be mandated not only in the buildings but also on our busses, which will greatly limit the number of students that we can have in both at any given time. These mandates will likely result in a hybrid model of instruction to start the school year. As the district works to develop a plan for a return to school protocol, as a community of parents, we need your thoughts and input in several areas to help guide our planning. The information that I will be asking for will be anonymous and will be distributed as a survey to parents K-12 on Monday July 20, 2020.

I would ask that you please take the time to respond to this very important survey. Based upon the results, we will begin formalized planning to provide the best and most "Normal" program that we can as a district, based upon the guidelines that we must follow. We recognize that the 2020-2021 school year may not be an ideal instructional program; but we are fully committed to doing our best for our student body given the circumstances. There will be a series of important questions that we will be asking parents to respond to as we continue to move forward. Monday will begin this process.

Be well and stay safe.

Patrick Dee
Superintendent of Schools.