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Dear Cook County School District 130 Families,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and in good health. As we approach the end of our second quarter on January 22, 2021, I want to make you aware of a few District happenings.

Since the beginning of the school year, our staff has been working diligently to offer engaging and meaningful remote learning opportunities for our students while simultaneously preparing for the gradual return of students to in-person instruction. We appreciate the continued support you have shown for remote instruction.

At this time, we are pleased to announce that we are tentatively planning to bring back a small population of students at a majority of our sites. This transition will start on February 1, 2021, pending COVID-19 positivity rates in our communities and decisions by our Board of Education. Administrators are in the process of contacting families impacted by these decisions and communications should be completed by the end of next week.

If you do not receive a phone call this upcoming week, your child will not be part of the initial population of students returning to in-person learning on February 1, 2021; however, upon successfully bringing these students back to in-person instruction, we will begin the process of contacting additional families to start this transition. We ask for your patience and understanding.

Please have your child continue to attend their daily lessons and activities online as you wait for our staff to contact you about the individualized return to school plan for your child. If we all honor this communication process, we can more effectively focus on the safe return of the individuals entering our sites, and make the adjustments necessary to allow additional children to receive in-person instruction.

By systematically bringing back small groups of students, we can better provide a safe and sustainable learning environment. Although we are not able to bring back all students at this time, this is an exciting turning point in our plan to return to in-person instruction across Cook County School District 130.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to embarking on this journey of gradually returning to in-person learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen M. McKay".

Colleen M. McKay, Ed.D.
Superintendent