September 18, 2020



Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

As we are currently in our fourth week of Enhanced Remote Learning, we want to congratulate you, as well as thank you for your continued support. We know that this "new way of learning" is not always easy for our students, families, staff, or district. Our priority continues to focus on the health and safety of our students, families, and staff.

As promised in August, administrators have been diligently working to develop a district plan to transition to inperson learning in a way that meets state and local guidelines and maintains a safe environment. On Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00pm, we will present the Return to Learn Phase 2 Plan to the School Board at a Special Meeting. We encourage you to sign-up to attend this Special Board of Education Meeting virtually to learn more about the plan. We will also share plan and presentation video with families after the meeting.

In light of the Phase 2 Plan, we have made the decision to delay all Curriculum Night events until a later date. More information will come from your child's school. We also want to share a few additional updates for our families:

- <u>Drive-Up Technology Support</u>: Drive-up technology support will be available on Wednesday, September 23 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at Spring Wood. Please sign-up for a time slot <u>here</u>. Be sure to bring your device and a face mask to your appointment.
- 2. <u>MAP Assessments</u>: Teachers have started to administer MAP assessments for students to measure growth and support student learning. For more information about MAP, click <u>here</u>. Your school will provide additional information and scheduling for your child's classroom.
- 3. Free and Reduced Lunch & Free Internet: D20 is offering free breakfast and lunch to all children 18 and under through 12/31. Meals are distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at each school and throughout our community using school buses. Please visit Food Services for pick-up locations and times. No paperwork or eligibility is required currently, but we want to be sure that all qualifying students do not lose that status after 12/31. If your child may qualify, please complete an application by 10/1 to allow them to seamlessly continue this benefit after the new year.
 - In addition, families who qualify for free and reduced lunches may also qualify for *free internet at home* through a new partnership between the district and Comcast. If you qualify for free and reduced lunch, we can send you more information about the free internet program.
- 4. <u>Student Services Update</u>: Please join us in welcoming Peggy King as Interim Director for Student Services, who will oversee our special education and EL programs, as well as support our staff, parents, and students through the fall. Peggy is a retired director with a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area and will be an asset to our district.

As the weather turns cooler, we have a special thank you to the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club for their annual donation of warm coats. If your family is in need of a coat for your child, please let us know here by 10/2 so that we can distribute the coats.

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo Superintendent of Schools Keeneyville ESD 20