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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Charger Families,

At the February 15, 2021, Board of School Director's meeting, I announced that Carbondale Area School District will move into Phase 2 of the Health and Safety Plan on March 8, 2021, in a hybrid instructional model with a phased reopening. Our goal is to maintain the strict protocols outlined in our Health and Safety Plan and we believe this is accomplished by using a measured approach beginning with a small group of students. Then, we will build on this approach by introducing additional cohorts of students until all students are returned to our buildings.

We will start this phased opening the week of March 8, 2021, when we bring back PK-Grade 2, High Incident Special Education K-12, and CAAP. The next phase will be the following week, March 15, 2021, with a return of Grades 3-6, and Grades 7-9. On March 22, 2021, Grades 10-12 will return to the building. We also know that some of our parents would like their child to return every day; we will re-evaluate our reopening the week of March 15, 2021.

In the hybrid instructional model, students will be in three cohorts:

- Group A meets in-person Monday and Tuesday, remote Wednesday-Friday
- Group B meets in-person Thursday and Friday, remote Monday-Wednesday
- Group C is remote Monday-Friday

A Phase 2 registration form was sent to the public in October 2020 asking parents to indicate their preference to a Phase 2 return. Specifically, parents were asked if they were going to send their child back for in-person instruction or have their child remain in virtual instruction.

We acknowledge that some time has passed since we collected this information from parents. If your instructional preference has changed for your child, please inform your school's guidance counselor by the close of school Friday, February 19.

The roadmap to a safe and successful return to in-person instruction depends on everyone. A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2021. Elementary will meet at 6:00 PM, and secondary will meet at 7:15 PM. The meetings will be held in the high school auditorium. Due to indoor capacity limitations, the meetings will also be available online.

We have a section of our website devoted to COVID-19 tracking. In the next few weeks, we will also be adding sections on our website devoted to our Phase 2 return to instruction.

Thank you.

With Charger Pride,

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