

July 13, 2020

Dear Glenbrook Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer.

Throughout the summer, the Glenbrook leadership team has developed numerous paths to return to school this August. Plans presented to the Board of Education include models for in-person instruction, remote learning, and various combinations of the two. We believe that it's realistic to assume that we will need to utilize at least two of these options during the upcoming school year, as the pandemic evolves. We want to ensure we are ready for any possibility and can move with agility as necessary.

We continue to follow guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC), [Illinois Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH), [Illinois State Board of Education](#) (ISBE) and the [Restore Illinois](#) plan as outlined by Governor J.B. Pritzker. These parameters are ever-changing and impact the reopening of each school district in unique ways.

At the Board meeting Monday night, the administration presented an overview of logistical considerations and state-mandated requirements for each of the options. The Glenbrook team is conducting focus groups with parents, students, and staff, to better understand the needs of our school community. We are continuing to make progress on the tentative plans while maintaining the safety and health of our students and staff as our top priority.

On Monday, July 27, the administration will present a proposed learning plan for the 2020-21 school year for their consideration. If the Board approves, following this meeting, we will communicate with families via email to let them know of the plan for the return to school on August 19. Please note that any plan will remain flexible in terms of any additional guidance or mandates from official sources, or a change in the pandemic.

We are doing everything we can to get students back to in-person instruction. And, if that is not possible due to restrictions and safety issues, then our plan is to replicate that in-person instruction as best as possible in a remote format. Regardless of the learning format for the 2020-21 school year, students who are unable to attend in-person instruction will be provided an alternative. It is our responsibility to ensure that learning continues, for all students.

We invite you to review [the presentation](#) from Monday night's meeting, which summarized specific guidelines and requirements, parent feedback, various learning models, wellness considerations, and operational procedures for the eventual return to school. With each passing day, new clarity emerges and our plans continue to solidify for the start of the school year. Until then, please continue to enjoy your summer and find great health and wellness along the way. One way or another, we will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Johns
Superintendent