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Dear West Central C.U.S.D. #235 Family,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools on the 2020-21 school year.

This 60-page document has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what the 2020-21 school year will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing masks, social distancing and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

Right now, we don't have all the answers to those questions as this document was just released to school districts today at the same time it was released to the public. Therefore, we kindly ask for your patience as our staff and committees thoroughly review this detailed guidance and implement the suggestions into our District's own plan.

Our district formed planning teams earlier this month and have already been discussing options. This guidance will help to accelerate those conversations, and I am confident our District can put forth a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our students while maintaining a dynamic learning environment.

West Central C.U.S.D. #235 is very much aware of the need to communicate to families and staff members about what to expect next school year as soon as possible, and we will release our own transition plan as quickly as we can so that you can plan as well.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as our entire District navigated and continues to navigate a situation together that none of us could have imagined.

I will be in touch as soon as possible. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Paula Markey
Superintendent

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