

June 23, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, and Friends,

With recent guidelines issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, I wanted to take a brief moment and explain how we are preparing for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are currently working with guidance from the Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin Department of Health, the Chippewa County Public Health Department, the Center for Disease Control, our legal counsel, our insurance providers, and in coordination with area school districts to help open school as safely as possible. We do this while keeping in mind all of the students' needs. A presentation is planned for the July School Board meeting to outline the safety precautions we are planning before releasing them to the rest of the public. Please understand we have numerous teams of people working together to help create the best environment for our students and staff.

At this time, we are preparing to begin on August 20 with a variety of offerings to best fill every student's educational needs. We will continue to offer a full spectrum of programming that extends from face-to-face instruction to a completely online format. If you are not comfortable sending your student to face-to-face instruction, please consider [eSucceed Charter School](#). Students can attend eSucceed Charter School while remaining students in our school district.

Although we are planning to have traditional face-to-face instruction daily for all students, this can change rapidly as recommendations change and as we continue to monitor the safety and health of our community. To this end, we are preparing all of our classes to be able to transition to distance learning if it becomes necessary. Through this new approach to blended instruction and our own virtual learning program, [Wings Academy](#), we have the flexibility to provide other learning avenues to students.

As we move forward, keep in mind our decisions are being based on the health of our community. Our ability to bring students back to our buildings is reliant on community health. Anything you can do to promote and follow behaviors that reduce the spread of illness will help us operate as close to normal as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. I hope your families are healthy and well. Enjoy your summer and see you on August 20.

Sincerely,

Jeff Koenig  
Superintendent