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DC-G Families,

I would like to give you a brief update on the 2020 - 2021 school year. Our administrative team is planning for the information we know right now with the understanding it could all change depending on the course of COVID-19.

Iowa's Return to Learn Plan

On April 17, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, called on all Iowa school districts to submit a "Return to Learn Plan" to the Iowa Department of Education by July 1. This plan outlines how they will address disruptions to learning due to the pandemic.

Since the time of that announcement, we have been planning for what school will look like for our students. The Iowa Department of Education outlined guidelines for our plan, requiring three possible scenarios that could happen this August:

- Socially distanced in-person learning
- Required online learning
- A hybrid of required online learning and in-person learning

We have established planning teams that will create proposals for learning within these three scenarios. The learning plans will combine academics, social-emotional health, and the most current guidelines from the CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health. Our foremost priority is the health and well-being of our students and staff. We must balance safety with the learning requirements from the Department of Education, moving forward with a robust and comprehensive plan to meet the needs of all learners.

All school districts in Iowa will be participating in the *Return to Learn Plan*. As new information and requirements are communicated, we will make decisions and communicate them in a timely manner. While no district has a crystal ball to see what the future may hold, we are confident that our DC-G teams will adapt and continue with the outstanding work that has built our reputation of excellence.

2019-2020 Year End Grades

Grades for all students for the end of the 2019 - 2020 school year are available today by logging into Infinite Campus. Please use this as your reminder to log in and check your child's grades. If you have any questions about your child's grades please contact their teacher.

We will keep you informed on our *Return to Learn Plan* as details are available. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this unprecedented time. Have a great summer!

Scott Grimes, Superintendent