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Dear Chesterfield Elementary School Community,

As we begin to transition from winter to spring, we are also evaluating our options to increase in-person learning opportunities for our students. Last night at the BOE meeting, I outlined our options for implementing the fully in-person instructional model, similar to what is currently offered in kindergarten and first grade, for grades 2-6. Please know, our options to increase in-person learning in grades 2-6 are dependent on the number of students who chose the fully in-person instructional model. We will evaluate options such as combining cohorts, using larger spaces within the building, reassigning students, and using staff in different ways. Again, the key to every available option is the number of students in the fully in-person instructional model.

Next week the district will survey all parents specific to the remainder of the school year. We are asking parents to indicate the instructional model for their child to finish out the 2020-2021 School Year. The survey will also include questions directly related to moving toward the kindergarten and first grade fully in-person instructional model in grades 2-6. After we compile and analyze the survey data, we will develop a plan to increase in-person learning in grades 2-6 while continuing to follow all current health and safety protocols. We ask that every parent take the time to complete the survey for each child in your family attending Chesterfield Elementary School. This information is critical to the planning process and must be accurate. Thank you in advance for your assistance as we gather this important information.

Today the Chesterfield Township School District welcomes Mr. Joseph Slavin. Mr. Slavin is our interim principal and will be serving in this position until Mr. Mazzoni's return. Mr. Slavin is an experienced administrator who has worked in several neighboring school districts. He also serves as a mentor to new administrators through the NJ EXCEL Program. We welcome Mr. Slavin to the Chesterfield Township School District Team.

A reminder to parents that next week we are virtually hosting a webinar entitled *Guiding Children Through a Pandemic: How to Help Your Students and YOU*. The webinar will be held on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 PM. This virtual presentation is aimed at educating and supporting parents, educators, and students in managing the stress and anxiety of today's world.

The COVID-19 Weekly Health Report for the month of February is below. As a reminder, historical data from September 2020 – January 2021 can be found by clicking on this link <https://www.chesterfieldschool.com/Page/2902>.

COVID-19 Weekly Health Report

Week of.....	# of Positive Cases in School	# of Students/Staff Sent Home Due to Symptoms	# of Students/Staff Quarantined & Why	# of Incidents of Non-Compliance
Feb. 1 st	3	0	3 students (positive) 2 students quarantine (close contact household) 1 class quarantine (close contact) 3 staff quarantine (close contact)	0
Feb. 8 th	2	0	1 student quarantine (close contact household) 1 student quarantine (positive case) 1 staff quarantine (close contact) 1 staff quarantine (positive case) 1 staff excluded (symptomatic)	0
Feb. 15 th	0	0	2 students quarantine (travel) 1 staff quarantine (travel) 1 staff excluded (close contact presumed positive) 1 staff quarantine (close contact household)	0
Feb. 22 nd	1	0	4 students excluded (family member pending test) 2 students quarantine (close contact) 1 staff excluded (family member pending test)	1

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Sincerely,

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