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Hello Bobcats!

Well, we made it to week two of this very unusual school year. I know that we don't have all of the issues resolved, but I have never seen our staff work so hard to get things on track. They are "burning the candle at both ends" to deliver the best learning environment they possibly can. We appreciate the work and cooperation of our staff, students, and families now, more than ever!

If I may take a step back and talk about the bigger picture for a moment, our administration is working to safely and methodically bring our student body back to classrooms, and the Grand Blanc Board of Education approved our tentative next steps on Monday, September 14th.

Our tentative plans will:

- Follow the advice of our District Nurse Consultants and the Genesee County Health Department
- Watch other face-to-face schools' results and progress
- Collect feedback from staff and families and communicate any changes to these plans
- Follow strict safety precautions: cleaning procedures, social distancing, and masks for all staff/students
- Make sure one phase is successful before proceeding with the next
- Be subject to change at any time based on new information

As you may have heard, we allowed our licensed childcare facility, Children's Garden, to open this week to relieve childcare needs. This was step one. They are currently providing tuition-based programs for preschool and school-age daytime care (Y5-5th grade.) The next steps, as requested by the governor, will focus on returning our most vulnerable and youngest learners to a face-to-face (F2F) environment:

SEPTEMBER 28TH: SELECT SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Pre-identified self-contained classes of Special Education students return F2F (in a hybrid schedule)
- Some Special Education/diagnostic services would be allowed (by appt.) such as speech and social work

OCTOBER 5TH: YOUNG 5S/KINDERGARTEN

- Remote Young 5/Kindergarten students may return F2F for 2 to 3 full days/week with bussing and meals

OCTOBER 12TH: 1ST & 2ND GRADES

- Remote 1st/2nd grade students added F2F (hybrid) 2 to 3 days per week

OCTOBER 19TH: SELECT GBHS CTE CLASSES

- Some Career & Technical Education (CTE Program) classes would return 2 to 3 days/week (hands-on essential)

OCTOBER 26TH: 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADES

- Remote 3rd, 4th & 5th-grade students are added F2F (hybrid) 2 to 3 days per week

We will continue from here to make plans for the remainder of the students monthly, based on the successful results of our previous actions and the other factors listed above. Thank you for your patience and stay well!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clarence Garner".

Clarence Garner
Superintendent
Grand Blanc Community Schools

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