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To: Mike Greenlee <[mgreenlee@nbcusd.org](mailto:mgreenlee@nbcusd.org)>

Dr. Greenlee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you last week. I would like to commend you and your school board for first and foremost always putting the safety of your students and staff first. There are no easy decisions for schools in the midst of a global pandemic. I wanted to follow up and clarify that according to the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health, local school districts have the authority to determine whether virtual, hybrid, or in person learning is right for their student and staff population and when the time is right to bring students and staff back in person. As long as District 200 is following all safety guidance set forth by these state entities and working collaboratively with the Boone County Health Department, you and the school board have the authority to bring students and staff back as long as the standards have been met. We will continue to support your process and work with you as closely as we can to ensure your every success. We will also continue to publish daily community reports and weekly school metrics to assist you in your planning and implementation process. Please keep in mind that numbers are on the rise in Boone County, across the region and throughout the state. Public Health anticipates that these numbers will continue to rise exponentially and that over the next 2-4 weeks we will see further increase in community spread, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Please refer to the following resources as you continue your planning and implementation process:

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Part-3-Transition-Planning-Phase-4.pdf>

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-School-FAQs.pdf>

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Fall-2020-Learning-Rec.pdf>

Let me know how else I can be of assistance during these challenging times. If you would like me to address your board, I would be pleased to do so but I would request that questions be submitted ahead of time if possible so that I can best address the issues raised.

Regards,



If you have general questions regarding the 2019 Coronavirus pandemic, also known as COVID-19, please call our COVID-19 information line at **815-547-8561** or email us at: **[COVID19@boonehealth.org](mailto:COVID19@boonehealth.org)**

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