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Dear Parents and Students:

Students will have the opportunity to return to our school buildings for in-person academic classes on Monday, October 26. I am proud of the work that our staff has accomplished to prepare the health and safety measures necessary for additional students to return to our buildings. District administration has been closely monitoring local health metrics and current county trends for COVID-19. Although there have been recent increases in key county health metrics over the past week in some areas, District 211 is continuing with our plan for in-person Hybrid learning to start next week. We will continue to monitor local health metrics, as well as work with public health agencies, and if conditions warrant a change in our learning plans, we will communicate that immediately.

Students participating in Hybrid learning were sent an email last Friday indicating Hybrid learning team assignments, as well as important information about school safety protocols and procedures for returning to school. Students electing to remain in Remote learning for the remainder of the semester received the same school safety protocol and procedure information in order to take advantage of afternoon academic support sessions and/or athletic and activity events. If you have questions about this information, please contact your child's counselor immediately about this important [Hybrid learning communication](#) from October 16.

Helpful Resources

Included in last week's communication was a link to your school's first semester calendar (October-December 2020), containing daily school schedules for in-person and Remote learning assignments during the Hybrid scenario, as well as the A/B Day schedule. A printer-friendly version of the calendar is available [here](#).

To help summarize the October 16 communication, we have created a condensed, [single-page version](#) that highlights the important information you need to know about coming to school during Hybrid learning. We strongly recommend reviewing this document in preparation for those attending school in-person on Monday morning.

Reminders for the First Week of Hybrid Learning

Beginning Monday, October 26, all students will begin receiving a daily email to their school-assigned email account from *District 211 <noreply@qualtrics-survey.com>*. The email will include a link to the [District 211 at-home Daily Wellness Screening Survey](#). ***Prior to leaving home, students must complete the screening survey each day they are scheduled to be present at school for any reason – for in-person classes, afternoon academic support sessions, and/or extracurricular athletics or activities.*** Students are expected to answer each question honestly to reflect their current health status. Students will receive an immediate response indicating whether or not they are approved to come to school. If approved to go to school, students must show the response screen with a green checkmark, either on your iPad or a personal mobile device, to gain entrance to the building. ***Students should not complete the wellness screening survey on days they are not coming to the school in-person.*** Students who are not approved to come to school on the screener should not attempt to come to the school building, rather, stay at home and their parent will receive a phone call from the school nurse with additional instructions.

Students' body temperatures will be scanned upon entering the building and students must wear a face mask for the duration of time they are in school. Students who do not pass the wellness screening, have a body temperature above the maximum threshold, or who cannot adhere to the established safety protocols will have their parents contacted and will be sent home. Click [here](#) for more information about District 211's school safety protocols.

On Tuesday, October 27, approximately 50% of the senior class will report in-person to school to complete the State-sponsored SAT exam – a graduation requirement for the Class of 2021. ***Senior students taking the SAT exam on this day will be excused from their classes, while all other students in all grades will connect to their A-Day classes remotely.*** There will be no in-person academic supports on Tuesday afternoon. Virtual academic supports will still be available.

On Thursday, October 29, juniors who have registered for the optional PSAT/NMSQT or National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will be in-person at their high school completing this exam. ***Junior students taking the exam will be excused from classes on this day, while all other students in all grades will attend their A-Day classes as scheduled with their Hybrid team assignments, either in-person at school or remotely.***

D211 COVID-19 Dashboard

As a resource for our community, the [D211 COVID-19 Dashboard](#) has been created and is available on the District website. In addition to including information about the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Cook County Department of Public Health school metrics, the Dashboard also includes students and staff data collected

from each District 211 school regarding positive COVID-19 test results, reports of COVID-19 symptoms, and school-related quarantines.

As educators, we want nothing more than to have our students in school learning. Now, more than ever, we need to work together as a community to lower the COVID-19 positivity numbers and help minimize the risk of spreading the virus in our area. We ask for your assistance by continuing to be vigilant and following safety protocols such as wearing a face mask, observing six-foot social distancing, not gathering in large groups, frequent hand washing, and properly disinfecting and sanitizing areas. We can best support in-person learning and extracurricular opportunities for our students by doing our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

I look forward to seeing our students in-person at school during Hybrid learning starting next week, as well as in afternoon academic supports, and after-school activities or athletics.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small
Superintendent

You received this electronic communication because you provided your email address to High School District 211. Changes or updates to your email address can be made using [Infinite Campus](#). If you have questions regarding any of the information contained within this email, please call the high school for assistance with your concern.

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