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Yorkville CUSD 115 Families,

Through the hard work and dedication of District 115 employees, parents, and students, the district has been able to successfully implement three models of learning (on-site, hybrid, and e-learning) for the past 11 weeks of school. This is a reason to celebrate.

We should all be proud of the efforts we put towards creating an educational system that enables students to develop critical connections with their teachers and classmates; caring environments that address social-emotional issues that can develop if one feels isolated; and a safe on-site environment in which wearing masks and maintaining physical distance is now a familiar and accepted part of the school day.

We could not have made this progress without your support, understanding, and cooperation. As the number of positive COVID-19 cases increases in Kendall County, know that if a change to all-virtual instruction needs to occur, our students will be better able to adapt and be successful in the remote environment.

The Kendall County Health Department has been carefully monitoring the pandemic metrics and are concerned about the increase in positive COVID-19 cases within our community. Although the schools have done an incredible job of minimizing the spread of the virus between students/employees (fewer than 1 percent of Y115 students/employees have tested positive), continued increases in the transmission of the virus in the community at-large may ultimately result in the need to transition into full remote learning. The district will continue to work with the Kendall County Health Department to monitor the pandemic and implement the quarantine and contact tracing processes. Although we hope that our district can continue to provide families a choice of three learning models for the entire school year, we are also not naive to the fact that more positive cases in the community may not make that possible.

This is a reminder that we all must stay committed to continuing the COVID-19 mitigation and prevention strategies—both in our schools as well as throughout the community. Our collective behavior has a direct correlation to the ability of Yorkville CUSD 115 to continue on-site and hybrid instruction. Please limit your participation in large social gatherings, limit travel to only in-state destinations, and practice physical distancing, mask wearing, and handwashing to continue to provide a healthy and safe environment for all.

Thank you again for a fantastic first quarter of school and we look forward to continuing to serve the community's children for the remainder of the school year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tim Shimp
Superintendent