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Yorkville CUSD 115 Families,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. I wanted to provide you with an update on our summer planning as we prepare to return to school in August. Yesterday, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools regarding the start of the 2020-21 school year ([Part 3 Transition Joint Guidance](#)).

This 60-page document provides districts with guidance regarding what the 2020-21 school year will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing face coverings, social distancing, and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

I know this document will spark a number of questions regarding how this process will look in District 115 schools. I want to assure you that those details are being discussed as part of the transition planning that the district began in early June. Using feedback received through our spring parent, student, and employee surveys, our 100-member transition team has been developing three plans for the 2020-2021 school year (all remote learning, in-person learning with restrictions, and a hybrid model), as well as how to transition between models, if needed. Ongoing updates of the committees' work are being posted to the district website at <https://www.y115.org/2020-21>. Information is being added daily as state guidelines are released and recommendations developed by the various committees. As you can imagine, we are working through a number of logistical details—all with the education and safety of all our students at the forefront of our decisions.

**The public will be invited to provide input on the fall planning in mid-July and we will seek Board of Education approval of the final plan at the July 27 Board meeting.**

I realize that there will be no one plan that will address the varied concerns, opinions, and needs of all our diverse and unique District 115 families. As parents/guardians, you ultimately make the final decision regarding to what extent your child participates in the district's educational programs. We will provide options for learning in various forms, and have contingencies in place for those students who cannot attend in person due to personal/medical reasons.

I kindly ask for your patience as our transition teams continue to thoroughly review the state guidance and implement the recommendations into the district's final plan. I look forward to presenting our plan to the public next month, and receiving your input during the public forums.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as our entire district navigates this extraordinary situation together.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Tim Shimp  
Superintendent

*Kendall County Record Article/Video: By KATIE FINLON*

**[Yorkville School District officials plan to present fall learning plans to school board next month](#)**

**[Video Interview with Yorkville District 115 Superintendent Dr. Tim Shimp](#)**