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August 7, 2020

Yorkville CUSD 115 Families,

I would like to begin by thanking our families for their incredible support, patience, and understanding. The volunteer officers of our Parent-Teacher Organizations, Boosters, and Yorkville Educational Foundation have brainstormed new and exciting ways to support our employees and students this year. Many of our parents have worked hand-in-hand with the district to develop the three attendance options for our students. Additionally, parents submitted more than 6,400 responses over a five-day span to indicate their learning model choice. As our district enrollment continues to grow, I am continually humbled that those in the community believe in the quality, personalized education that we strive to provide for our students.

As the start of the school year gets closer, I am reaching out to our parents regarding some of the changes and updates in the school schedule. **Your child's building principal will contact you later next week to confirm the learning model you selected for your child(ren), the schedule for the first week of school, as well as building and grade-level specific information to help you prepare for the 2020-21 school year.**

The District 115 Board of Education recently approved changes to the school year calendar, which includes moving the first day of school to **August 20**. This change was made to provide our employees additional days of professional development/training in their new classroom environment.

To ensure student safety and guarantee that the new health and safety protocols are effective, the district has implemented a staggered start schedule (see details below) for certain students. This will affect all students (grades 1-12) who attend school on-site for the full day, as well as middle school hybrid students.

You can view the revised 2020-21 school year calendar on the district website at www.y115.org/calendar. Important upcoming dates include:

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| August 14 | Student Learning Model Confirmation Letters Emailed to Parents
Homeroom Teacher Assignments Posted at 3 p.m. in Home Access Center |
| August 17 | Bus Route Information Posted at 3 p.m. in Home Access Center |
| August 20 | First Day of School |
| August 31 | No School for Students (Employee Remote Planning Day) |

September 7 No School: Labor Day

In addition, please note the following:

- On Monday, August 10 at 3 p.m., the district's phone system will be down for maintenance until the end of the day. No incoming or outgoing calls will be available during this timeframe.
- While daily attendance on school days is expected of all students (regardless of which learning model they chose), there will be no truancy penalties for students who cannot attend school due to an illness. A parent/guardian must call the attendance line to notify the school of the absence.
- Chromebook distribution will be held next week for students in grades 1-3 and students who are new to the district. Chrome tablets for kindergarten students are scheduled to be distributed in September. **Specific instructions, dates and times will be emailed directly to parents/guardians.**
- Additional information regarding the structure of the school day, grading and assessments, educational resources, and extra curricular activities/athletics is posted on the district website at www.y115.org/2020-21. Any changes to the educational program or safety protocols will be communicated with students and their families through email/e-newsletters. Please ensure there is an updated email address on record with your child's school so you receive these important communications. E-newsletters will also be posted to the district/school websites for future reference.

I am extremely excited to see students return to school in August, whether it is on-site or virtually. We are committed to protect our students, employees, and their families from the spread of COVID-19. A few of our new requirements are below. Detailed information will be provided to families in future communications.

- Students and employees attending school on-site will be required to submit a **daily electronic health questionnaire** (including a temperature reading) and show proof of submission before being allowed to enter a school building. If a student is ill or displays a symptom listed on the daily health questionnaire, he/she must stay home.
- All students and employees who are in school buildings will be required to wear **face coverings**. The district will provide each student with one (1) mask. A face covering can include a paper or disposable mask, cloth mask, neck gaiter, scarf, bandanna, or a religious face covering. The face covering must cover the mouth and nose completely. The covering should not be overly tight or restrictive and should feel comfortable to wear. Face coverings that are NOT allowed include masks that incorporate a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling, mesh masks, or masks with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vent. These are not sufficient face coverings because they allow droplets to be released from the mask.
- All students and employees who are in school buildings will be required to maintain **six feet of physical distance** whenever possible. Distancing floor decals that are spaced six feet apart and directional markings are present throughout the buildings (locations vary by building and grade-level span).

I understand that some of our families may still have concerns regarding these changes to what has been considered a traditional school day in District 115. I want to assure you that, if necessary, the district has prepared contingency plans to provide your child(ren) with a quality education due to possible revised state guidelines/recommendations.

This will be a school year in which flexibility, patience, and understanding will be paramount to ensuring our students are educated and cared for. As adults, we have a shared responsibility in setting a positive tone for our students. I am confident that we are up to the task, and I ask for your cooperation and assistance to help our students succeed. "We Are Yorkville" and we are prepared to make this year a success.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tim Shimp
Superintendent

Yorkville Community Unit School District 115

EC-6 School Year 2020-21 Staggered Start Schedule

Grade	Thur. 8/20/20	Fri. 8/21/20	Mon. 8/24/20	Tues. 8/25/20	Wed. 8/26/20
Early Childhood	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance
Kindergarten	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance
1st	in-person	e-learning	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance
2nd	e-learning	in-person	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance
3rd	e-learning	in-person	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance
4th	in-person	e-learning	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance
5th	e-learning	in-person	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance
6th	e-learning	in-person	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance	Regular Attendance

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7-12 School Year 2020-21 Staggered Start Schedule

	Thur. 8/20/20	Fri. 8/21/20	Mon. 8/24/20	Tues. 8/25/20	Wed. 8/26/20
7th	in-person	in-person	e-learning	e-learning	Regular Attendance
8th	e-learning	e-learning	in-person	in-person	Regular Attendance
Freshmen (9)*	Team Fox	Team Fox	Team Den	Team Den	Regular Attendance
Sophomore (10)*	Team Fox	Team Fox	Team Den	Team Den	Regular Attendance
Junior (11)*	Team Fox	Team Fox	Team Den	Team Den	Regular Attendance
Senior (12)*	Team Fox	Team Fox	Team Den	Team Den	Regular Attendance

*YHS administration will confirm with students the "Team" to which they have been assigned by August 14.

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Non-traditional and Special Programs

1st - 6th grade Hybrid students follow Hybrid schedule starting on 8/20/20

Students in the STARS program will attend everyday starting on 8/20/20

Students in the ISP program will attend every day starting 8/20/20

Students in the LASP program will attend every day starting 8/20/20

Students in the Diagnostic program will attend every day starting 8/20/20