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Yorkville CUSD 115 Families,

Last night the District 115 Board of Education approved the transition plan for the 2020-21 school year. **By 12 p.m. today, families will receive an email for each of their children with a link to the 2020-21 Student Commitment Form along with their student ID number (necessary to complete the form).** Between today and the end of the week (July 31), I ask you to use the **Commitment Form** to choose one of three educational opportunities for each of your child(ren) for the first quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

I apologize in advance for the length of this email, however, I want to make sure you have the information you need to make attendance decisions for your family. An overview of the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan is summarized below, and I encourage you to visit the district's transition website for more detailed information on the district's current student attendance options.

The district's 100-member transition team worked throughout the summer to develop learning scenarios for the school year, based on the different phases of the governor's Restore Illinois Plan. Three different scenarios were developed and refined using parent, student, and employee feedback. Transition team members dedicated themselves to providing options where possible to ensure our students are set up for educational success, a safe and healthy environment is provided for students and employees, and the differing needs, opinions, and desires of our diverse stakeholder groups are considered.

As Illinois is currently in Phase 4 of the governor's Restore Illinois Plan, the district is allowed to implement its "Choice Scenario," which offers families three learning models to choose from: attend school entirely on-site (with specific safety protocols in place), entirely through e-learning, or through a hybrid of the two.

While we have provided our families with choice, changing state guidelines, new executive orders by the governor, and fluctuating health conditions may force us to pivot between educational scenarios. For example, if the state reverts into Phase 1 or 2 of the Restore Illinois Plan, or in the event of a district health emergency, we may need to transition into a scenario in which all students would participate in e-learning and the school buildings would be closed.

We have developed these contingency scenarios, but I am confident there will be some decisions that will need to be made in the moment, allowing little time to transition. Although this may be frustrating, I ask for your continued support, patience, and understanding as we work together to instill in our students a sense of calm and an eagerness to learn. Like no other time before, we have an opportunity to embrace the knowledge, skills, and abilities that this community said it wanted in our district's Portrait of a Learner: to be analytical, creative, adaptive, independent, collaborative, and socially and globally responsible. Let's work together to make these more than just words in our strategic plan, but qualities that all District 115 students possess.

Sincerely,
Dr. Timothy Shimp
Superintendent