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Subject: Message from the Superintendent of Schools

October 16, 2020

Dear Families,

I trust this finds your family in continued good health as we begin the weekend. We are pleased with our successful third week of full in person learning. The collaborative efforts of our staff, students, and families continue to make in person learning possible for Darien. Your efforts are appreciated as is your continued support and flexibility as we continue on this adventurous new year of teaching and learning.

As we learn and experience education amidst this health crisis, it is necessary to make appropriate adjustments along the way. You will find our most recent updates in the revised <u>Darien Reopening Plan</u>. Changes you will notice include updates to health and safety protocols that are aligned with health department and CSDE recommendations, new protocols for lunch, notice of an additional cleaning at all buildings each week, and updates to our full remote learning plan should the need for that learning model be determined.

Next week we are pleased to provide an additional opportunity to receive your feedback as the reopening process continues. The following Zoom meetings are scheduled for parents to provide community feedback on the In person and Remote Learning Models. These meetings will be conversational in nature. After a very brief presentation, the majority of the meeting time will be devoted to questions and answers. Building principals and Central Services administration will be present to answer questions. Each meeting is hyperlinked below.

- Tuesday, October 20 @ 10:00 Elementary Zoom
- Tuesday, October 20 @ 11:30 <u>Elementary Special Education & Support Services Zoom</u>
- Wednesday, October 21 @ 10:00 <u>Middle School Zoom</u>
- Wednesday, October 21 @ 11:30 <u>Middle School Special Education & Support Services Zoom</u>
- Thursday, October 22 @ 10:00 High School Zoom
- Thursday, October 22 @ 11:30 <u>High School Special Education & Support Services Zoom</u>

Additionally, a recorded informational video that specifically addresses <u>Testing and Contact Tracing</u> is now available on our reopening website.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in ensuring the health and safety of our town residents and members of the school community.
Have a nice weekend,
Sincerely,
Alan Addley, Ed.D.

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