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Greetings Pewaukee School District Families:

I hope you are enjoying the first days of summer. Today, I am writing to provide initial information regarding our plans for the start of the 2020-21 school year. At this time, it is our goal to return to in-person instruction with students as scheduled on September 1st. We are actively engaged in comprehensive planning to bring back students and staff with the implementation of virus mitigation protocols. We also know we need to prepare for potential scenarios that include blended learning (combination of in-person and virtual instruction) and for fully virtual/remote learning. To help us with our planning we ask for your help by providing feedback with a very brief survey.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we will prioritize the health and safety of students and staff, the social and emotional health of students and staff, and student learning as our core values that will drive our decision making. This includes working to be consistent with other school districts and partnering with the county health department for guidance. We are already engaged in weekly collaboration with Waukesha County School Districts, our County Executive, and the Waukesha Health Department as we develop strategies for re-opening. In addition, we are utilizing guidance from the CDC and the Department of Public Instruction to ensure our approach is driven by the most current information and best practices available.

We are very excited to have students back on our campus. That said, it is important to expect that things will be different than a typical school year and understand that we will have to be flexible if conditions change. We can anticipate a return to campus may include various social distancing strategies, health and hygiene protocols, and uses of personal protective equipment (PPE). Schedules and routines may be modified from how students arrive and leave school, to lunches and recess, to passing times, and health room procedures. Again our goal is to reopen, and *stay safe to stay open*. Parents and students will play a vital role in helping us achieve this goal.

As a first step, we ask families to complete the short survey **linked below**. The feedback will help give us a sense of intentions of families regarding a return to school in the fall, use of bus transportation, and level of interest in virtual learning as an alternative to in-person instruction.

[Parent Return to School Survey](#)

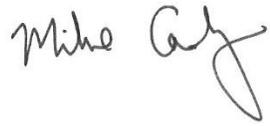


We will provide follow up communication in mid-July which may include another opportunity to provide information and feedback. We intend to communicate full plans for reopening our schools no later than **August 1st**.

In the meantime, we have established regular office hours for our schools and district office. Our campus buildings are closed through June 30th. After that date, if you need to come in-person to a school or district office please call ahead to make an appointment. You can access a graphic detailing school and district hours at <https://bit.ly/PSDSummerHours>.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer. As mentioned previously, we will be providing more information in the weeks to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Cady". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

Mike Cady; PhD  
Superintendent