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Dear South Fork Educational Community,

I hope this letter finds you all enjoying the summer up to this point. In Mid-March, along with everything else, the educational landscape as we knew it was rocked. The traditional in-class direct instruction was suspended and a new remote learning style was implemented for the safety of all. The pandemic we faced, and still face, has changed the way we view and do things these days. Our goal at South Fork is to provide an opportunity for all students to achieve success. This goal must also be done in the safest environment we can provide for students, faculty, and staff.

Recently, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidelines for schools. These guidelines focus around returning to student attendance and in-class instruction. This 60-page document has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what the 2020-21 school year will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing masks, social distancing and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

Currently, South Fork Leadership Teams are meeting, reviewing, and developing what this plan may look like at South Fork. As we put this plan together, we value the opinion of all members of our educational community. You can find a link on our district website and Facebook page to a survey. Please help us understand what is important to you as we develop the future of South Fork education.

Thank you for being patient, understanding, and flexible as we navigate these rough waters. What I do know is this change has provided an opportunity for us to grow as educators. We will continue to work together to provide the best for students at South Fork. I will also continue to update the community as plans are developed. Stay safe and enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

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