June 22, 2020

USD 204 Families,

Since the abrupt closure of schools in March due to the onset of COVID-19, schools and school districts in Wyandotte County have met the challenges of the health pandemic head-on. We collectively transitioned to online learning activities to meet the varying educational needs of our students and their families to close out the school year.

However, we understand that a lot of uncertainty remains as we prepare to reopen doors for the 2020-2021 school year, but with your continued support, there are no challenges that we cannot overcome together as a community. We are working collaboratively in the best interest of our students to develop a comprehensive framework for reopening schools with guidance from the Kansas State Board of Education and our local health department. As school leaders in Wyandotte County, we will ensure that our plans are tied closely to our local public health framework.

Attached is guidance on the reopening of schools in Wyandotte County, which will be followed by the Bonner Springs/Edwardsville School District. We are currently in Phase 3 or the “green zone” of the County and State’s reopening plans. Decisions regarding reopening school will be made according to the phase Wyandotte County is in at the time as indicated by state and local health officials.

USD 204, under the advisement of the Kansas State Department of Education, is looking at options to provide remote learning opportunities for the 2020-2021 school year for students who are immunocompromised or who live with immediate family members/guardians who are immunocompromised. Remote learning will be conducted entirely online with instructional support from the district. This is a school and parent partnership and will require regular communication and check ins. If your student will require this service in
the 2020-2021 school year, please complete the form at this link: [https://bit.ly/204RemoteLearning](https://bit.ly/204RemoteLearning)

If your student will be returning for the 2020-2021 school year, enrollment is open in Skyward. Online enrollment must be completed on a desktop/laptop computer. Fees are not due at the time of enrollment, but will be due by the start of the school year. Proof of residency (current utility bill) can be uploaded to Skyward in August.

One important thing to note this next school year is that families will not be responsible for purchasing basic classroom school supplies. Our Operation School Supply team has partnered with local organizations and donors to provide these items for all K-12 students. We just ask that students provide their own backpacks and water bottles. More details to come.

Updates on the start of school will be provided as we get closer to August. Thank you for your flexibility and support of our district's commitment and resolve to reopening schools in a safe and responsive environment that promotes academic excellence.

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Superintendent of Schools