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Dear Staff and Community of Liberty CUSD #2

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools on the 2020 - 2021 school year.

The 60-page document has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what Liberty's 2020 - 2021 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.

Right now, we don't have all the answers to many questions you may have as this document was released to school districts at the same time it was released to the public. Therefore, we kindly ask for your patience as our staff thoroughly reviews this detailed guidance and implements the suggestions into our district's own transition plan.

All members of the Liberty CUSD #2 transition planning team are keenly aware of the urgent need to communicate to families and staff members about what to expect for next school year, and we will share an update on our planning process and timeline in the near future.

Our district formed transition teams earlier this month and has already been discussing options. This guidance will accelerate those conversations, and I'm confident our district can put forth a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our students while maintaining a dynamic learning environment.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as our entire district together with you has navigated a challenging situation that none of us could have imagined.

I will be in touch soon. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent