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Dear Limestone Walters Families,

I hope all of you are doing well and you are enjoying summer since we are officially in that season now! I realize we are in the early part of summer, but I am sure many of you have questions regarding school in the fall. Basically, what is the plan? Will there be in-person learning or remote learning?

Recently the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released guidance for schools to follow for the 2020 – 2021 school year. That document can be accessed with the following link: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Part-3-Transition-Planning-Phase-4.pdf>. Another piece of information that you might find helpful from ISBE is the “Frequently Asked Questions” document. <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FAQ-Part-3-Transition-Guidance.pdf#search=faq>. Both of these documents are expected to be updated as the school year draws near. However, for schools to reopen, we must remain in Phase 4 of the governor’s plan of Restore Illinois. So, here is what I can share at this time.

We have established a committee that will review the guidance from the state to determine what we can do to safely reopen. While it is positive news to know we have clearance to open school in the fall, the guidance does present some challenges. However, we would like some input from you. You will be sent a google form survey to complete. Your answers will provide valuable information to the committee. We do ask that you fill out the survey by this **Friday, July 10 by 3 PM**.

Fortunately, we still have time on our side. The first day for students for the 2020 – 2021 school year is August 21. Updates will be provided throughout the summer, and the committee’s intent is to complete and share the plan on or around August 1.

Sincerely,

Tim Dotson, Superintendent