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Dear Clark-Shawnee Families,

Clark-Shawnee Schools will continue to operate under the current hybrid learning model through Thanksgiving Break as the district evaluates and prepares for the potential to transition to more in-person learning days.

The Clark-Shawnee Local Board of Education met last night in special session to receive and discuss a proposal regarding school operations for the remainder of the semester. The Board of Education approved the following plan:

Clark-Shawnee Local Schools will continue to operate under the current hybrid learning model through Thanksgiving Break. The district would then transition to in-person learning four days per week between Thanksgiving break and Christmas break (November 30-December 18, 2020) contingent upon case data at the county and district levels.

Recent developments at schools in Clark County and other neighboring counties reveal how infected individuals and related contact tracing can impact school operations. The goal of the plan for this semester is to remain open and maintain a consistent educational structure for our students as much as possible..

The current contact tracing guidelines and social distancing measures we have taken are critical to keep students and staff at school and prevent the spread of COVID-19. The hybrid model currently provides for more consistent social distancing. At the same time, it is clear that we are on a journey to return to normalcy and must begin planning to take steps to move closer to our more traditional educational model. A three week period to assess the feasibility of a return allows us to do exactly that.

On behalf of the Board of Education and district administration, I would like to thank to families who reached out to express their concerns and thoughts as we made this difficult decision. As one would expect, there are mixed opinions on how schools should approach education during the current public health emergency. We will continue to navigate the balance between educational best practices and health and safety guidelines.

Thank you for your support of our students and staff during this challenging year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Kuhn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. Brian Kuhn
Superintendent
Clark-Shawnee Local Schools