



Dear Minnetonka Schools Community,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating time with your friends and families over Winter Break.

As we return to school, it is important that you have the latest information regarding COVID-19 protocols for the District. While the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued new quarantine guidelines over the past few days, for the time being, our District's Safe Learning Plan has not changed. This includes our quarantine guidelines.

Our District Leadership and School Board plan to review the Safe Learning Plan later this week at the January School Board meeting and will consider whether to make any adjustments to the Plan. As we consider any possible changes, current case rates in the District and surrounding areas, emerging information from health experts regarding the new Omicron variant of COVID-19, as well as other information the District is receiving from the CDC and from the Minnesota Department of Health will, of course, all be reviewed in depth.

Additionally, as you know, prior to Winter Break, students in grades 4-12, parents and staff were emailed a COVID-19 Safe Learning Plan survey from the District and asked to complete it. Thank you to those of you who were able to do so. Your feedback will be considered when the District leadership and Board discuss any possible adjustments, updates and improvements that may be needed for the Safe Learning Plan. The Board and the District's executive staff have also received and reviewed all comments submitted in the surveys.

In the interest of transparency, here are the results from the Safe Learning Plan surveys, separated into learning levels (elementary, middle school and high school) and separated by segment (students, parents, staff).

All Students (Grades 4-12)
All Staff/Teachers
All Parents

Elementary Students (Grades 4-5)
Early Childhood and Elementary Parents (Grades E-5)
Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers/Staff (Grades E-5)

Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

Middle School Parents (Grades 6-8)
Middle School Teacher/Staff (Grades 6-8)

<u>High School Students (Grades 9-12)</u> <u>High School and S.A.I.L. Parents (Grades 9-12 and S.A.I.L.)</u> <u>High School and S.A.I.L. Teachers/Staff (Grades 9-12 and S.A.I.L.)</u>

If you wish to watch the District's report on the Safe Learning Plan survey results for the School Board on Thursday, the meeting will be livestreamed. You will find the link that day on the District website under 'School Board'.

Thank you again to those who completed our survey. We value your input. And, thank you for your continued efforts to keep our community safe for all of our families and for our staff.

Dennis L. Peterson Superintendent of Schools