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Dear Center School District Families,

As we continue to plan for what the 2020-2021 academic year may look like for both Center School District students and staff, we want to thank you for your input. Our survey results told us there are families who desire an at-home learning option. Families who may have health and wellness concerns may request participation in a Full Virtual Option for the District to consider. While we still have details to work through, it's important that we communicate the following key elements of our academic program offerings to prepare for our August reopening. We want to help inform your decision and allow you to make the best determination for you and your family's health and wellness needs.

Currently, we plan to offer two options:

- **A Fixed Blended Option:** Students will attend school on an A/B schedule which means students will spend part of their week with face-to-face learning and the other part will be distance/virtual learning. The curriculum will be aligned to Missouri Learning Standards. Essential standards will be taught and assessed across grade levels or departments by Center School District teachers. Lessons both face-to-face and virtually will ensure high quality and rigor for all students. Please note, we will work to keep family groups coordinated so that siblings may attend school on the same days of the week.
- **Full Virtual Option:** This option will allow a student to remain a Center School District student, but "attend" school online each day. *Launch* is a purpose driven virtual course access program that partners with Center School District to provide full programming for over 180 courses. A formal review process is built into the *Launch* course development approach to ensure high quality, rigor and alignment to Missouri Learning Standards. *Launch* coursework is taught by a highly qualified Missouri educator either from Center School District or from another Missouri district school. Participation in the Full Virtual Option requires a semester-long commitment by the parent and student.

All students will initially be provided the Fixed Blended Option, unless the Full Virtual Option is requested. You are only required to fill out the survey if you are choosing the Full Virtual Option. Please be aware, you must fill out one request for each student. If you have more than one student in the district, you will need to fill out multiple requests. All requests must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, July 22.

Survey Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXdewk22qCdahEEMVL4Yzjn9GLcuUzzPnlbf_RSMZGRklZnA/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have questions please contact the Academic Services office at 816.349.3303 or you may email Executive Director of Academic Services Dr. Elizabeth Arbisi at earbisi@center.k12.mo.us. If you have questions regarding special education services, please contact Director of Special Services Meagan Patterson at 816.349.3448 or email mpatterson@center.k12.mo.us.

Center School District has formed a COVID-19 Re-Entry Task Force to ensure many voices are included in the design process. For Center leaders, it is important to bring a diverse group of parents, students, staff, administrators and community members together to discuss planning implications and provide feedback. We are also ensuring race and equity are infused in planning conversations. We will continue to watch current health conditions, explore options and contingencies. We hope to release a final plan after our Board of Education Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2020. We encourage families to join the meeting to hear the proposed COVID-19 Re-Entry Plan. If you would like to join the virtual meeting, please contact sarchie@center.k12.mo.us with your full name and email to receive an invitation before Friday, July 24, 2020. Thank you for working with us as we navigate this pandemic together.

Thank you,
Center School District Leadership