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Dear Center School District Community,

We first want to thank you for your partnership and collaboration. While the start to our school year looked **incredibly** different than any year prior, we are **incredibly** proud of our students, staff, parents, and community. Our students are doing a wonderful job of engaging in learning, our teachers and staff are doing a tremendous job offering innovative and effective ways to provide rigorous academics and our parents are doing an amazing job of helping students navigate virtual learning. From the bottom of our hearts, Thank you! We appreciate you for working with us and sharing your feedback, the good feedback as well as ways we can improve. We are honored to serve scholars in such a strong and special community.

As we have shared, according to the CENTERed on Learning COVID-19 Re-Entry Plan, our ultimate goal is to return to in-person learning or Phase 3 of the Re-Entry. However, to transition between phases, we must see a steady decrease in the number of confirmed Coronavirus cases in the Kansas City area as well as ensure a seamless transition from one phase to another.

While districts across the greater Kansas City Region are beginning to plan for more students, at Center School District, we are pleased to report we began face-to-face support for our diverse learning groups on Tuesday, September 8. Those small groups of students have been meeting with staff in our buildings to receive in-person instruction. So far, these face-to-face supports have been going well.

We also understand the need to begin planning for when and how we transition through the phases mapped out in the CENTERed on Learning Plan. We will reconvene the COVID-19 Re-Entry Task force, which consists of staff, students, parents, and community member in Early October to discuss transition options. District officials have been and will continue to monitor guidance from medical professionals to make an informed decision to increase physical capacity in all district sites, while also ensuring a seamless transition from one phase to another.

We also plan to hold monthly Town Hall community meetings to provide updates on where we are in the plan and potential next steps. Next month, the Center School District Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. More details will be shared as we get closer to October 21.

Opportunities to connect with the Center School District Superintendent, Dr. Yolanda Cargile, are Virtual Office Hours and Virtual Coffee Chats.

Virtual Office Hours with Dr. Yolanda Cargile Thursday, October 8, 2020

Dr. Cargile will host 15-minute to 30 -minute one-to-one virtual office visits on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. In October, you may schedule a one-to-one meeting for Thursday October 8, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a 30 minute one-to-one virtual office visit.

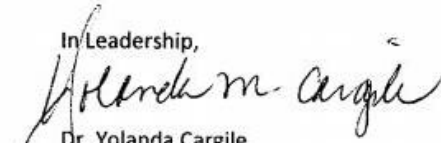
The purpose of these meetings are to allow Dr. Cargile the opportunity to hear directly from District stakeholders. To schedule a meeting, please email Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Ms. Stephanie Archie at sarchie@center.k12.mo.us or call 816.349.3310. Please schedule before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th for the October 8th virtual office visit.

Virtual Coffee Chat with Dr. Yolanda Cargile on Friday, October 16, 2020

Dr. Cargile is hosting Virtual Coffee Chats with a group of individuals from 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. on the 3rd Friday of each month. The purpose of these informal gatherings is to provide an opportunity for community stakeholders to provide input, ideas, and their perspective about our schools. To join the meeting and receive a virtual invite, please email Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Ms. Stephanie Archie at sarchie@center.k12.mo.us or call 816.349. 3310. Please schedule before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14 to join this month’s meeting.

We want to ensure you have opportunities to connect, ask questions and provide feedback as we continue to monitor COVID-19 numbers, work with public health officials, city, regional and state leaders to devise a plan that serves our students, staff and community.

We will continue to share updates and new information as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Leadership,

Dr. Yolanda Cargile
Center School District Superintendent