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A Fully Accredited, Missouri A+ School District...

Dear Center School District Community,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to thank the community for partnering with us as we continue to find ways to support our students and families during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

We are looking forward to welcoming more students back in our buildings beginning Monday, March 22, 2021. It has been a pleasure to hear the wonderful stories about CSD students who are already back in buildings doing a phenomenal job of wearing masks, social distancing and following the health and safety protocols the District has put in place. We are confident, as more students join in-person learning after Spring Break, this great momentum will continue.

As we transition and navigate the evolving educational landscape, it is important to remain focused on creating the best learning environment for students and the best place to work for staff. As the Board of Education, we have tasked Superintendent Dr. Yolanda Cargile and her team to continue the important work of providing effective instructional programs. As part of Dr. Cargile's yearly evaluation process, she has the responsibility to improve student achievement. Specifically, the goals Dr. Cargile and the Board collaboratively agreed upon include the District implementing instructional and educational practices that will increase year after year scores on state and local assessments and increase the number of students who report attending college or other post-high school educational or technical program opportunities.

Dr. Cargile and the District leaders are also charged with continuing to collaborate with families and other community members. The team will work to engage parents, students, staff & community to develop and implement a comprehensive outreach effort to provide a framework to support student learning at home and in school and expand opportunities for community collaboration.

Another high priority item includes promoting positive culture in the District. The District will implement strategies that significantly increase staff satisfaction and improve retention of effective staff. It is important to the Board that the District fosters and cultivates a positive work environment. The Superintendent will continue to host listening and learning sessions with teachers, develop satisfaction surveys as a few strategies to continue this work.

I am thankful our District understands that when we work together, students are able to experience greater productivity and success. Our goal will remain to prepare our students to become the next generation of accomplished, professional community members. As we have experienced, even during the most difficult times, our community rallies together. Center School District is a close-knit community working together to aide in our student's achievement and accomplishments.

We believe in Center and we believe in the greatness our District can provide.

Respectfully,

Beverly Cunningham
Center School Board President