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Dear Center Community,

The Center School District leadership team will present to the Board of Education during the April 26 board meeting, the recommendation to transition to Phase 3 of our CENTERed on Learning Plan, allowing for a return to the traditional setting and full in-person learning model to begin on the first day, Monday August 23, of the 2021-2022 Academic School Year.

The Center School District will continue to offer access to a virtual learning option during the 2021-2022 school year for our 9th – 12th grade students. This option will be offered through **Launch**, a virtual course access program designed to serve Missouri students, based in Springfield Public Schools. For parents/guardians of students who elect this option, please note a CSD teacher will not provide the virtual instruction. This option also would require a signed agreement by both parents and students electing this learning mode for an entire semester and follow the Launch schedule. Clear attendance and academic expectations will be outlined in the agreement, including a statement that details the failure to meet requirements would result in students being moved to the preferred in-person learning mode. Additionally, a weekly check in for all virtual students will be required.

For parents/guardians of students with disabilities who are served through an IEP or 504 Plan, please know that, prior to registration in virtual courses, your child's team must convene to consider how registering in virtual courses will impact provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE). You are an essential member of this team and, together, you will need to:

- 1) Determine IF virtual education is in the student's best educational interest, and
- 2) If virtual education is determined to be in his/her best educational interest, review/revise the IEP or 504 Plan to describe how FAPE will be provided in conjunction with virtual courses.

We will ask families who wish to select the virtual learning mode option to notify staff before we leave for summer break. We will provide more details and an official learning mode request following the April board meeting.

You will find the recommendation details included in the CENTERed on Learning Re-entry plan presentation, now available in the Board of Education meeting documents: https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/SB_MeetingListing.aspx?S=229

As a District, we will remain focused on providing effective instructional programs for our scholars. Included in the goals the Center School District Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Yolanda Cargile agreed upon, together we are placing priority on improving student achievement. The plan outlines 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. We are confident there is a collective mindset to support children and one another as we continue working to meet the needs of our scholars.

We are honored to partner with you to ensure your child has the best learning experiences Prekindergarten through grade twelve. We appreciate each member of this community. We relied on our "Village" to support our students, staff and community. Thank you is not enough to truly show the level of gratitude we have for our Center Village, but please know we appreciate your partnership immensely.

In Leadership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yolanda M. Cargile". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Dr. Yolanda Cargile
Center School District Superintendent