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Dear Families,

We hope you are enjoying these last weeks of summer! We continue to work hard in preparation for the start of school for students on September 16th. This letter shares information regarding:

- an invitation to join the Union #28 Leadership for a second Town Hall listening session
- a link to an updated copy of our Union #28 final reopening plan
- a request to return important device loaning permission forms
- a **sample** daily schedule for students

As was communicated last week, all schools within Union #28 will be returning to school remotely. We understand there are many unanswered questions, concerns and worries that many families have as they think about supporting their child's learning from home. To address some of these concerns, we would like to invite you to a second **Town Hall listening session on August 25th at 6:00 pm**. We urge you to please attend this session. We had wonderful attendance at the last session and it truly helped everyone involved to ask questions and listen to Union #28 Leadership answer questions. Your wonderings help us as a Leadership Team to refine our planning as we continue to work towards our return to school this fall.

[Click here for link to Union #28 Town Hall Listening Session](#) or join by phone 1 504-613-6689 PIN: 812 667 940#

Our final Union #28 Fall Reopening Plan has been submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and there is a link to this plan on all of our school websites. Additionally, we have attached a link to our plan within this letter. This plan is the result of many hours of meeting and planning and I want to thank all of those involved in the planning for their hard work!

[Click here for Link to Reopening Plan](#)

As a district, we are looking to support our families regarding remote learning and technology. We are planning for technology trainings for families and students in collaboration with the Union #28 technology coordinators. Please look for a device loaning permission slip and technology access permission form very soon. We need your help in completing and returning these forms as soon as possible so that we can move forward with planning and organizing our remote platform and plans.

We know many of you are wondering what the start of school will look like this fall and what the school day could look like. We are sharing a sample daily schedule with you. Please note that

this is an **example** of what a day might look like. Your child’s principal and teachers will be sending you more specific information as we get closer to the start of school. In addition, we will be communicating pick up plans for technology devices and school supplies (including workbooks and notebooks) in the coming weeks.

SAMPLE REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE (all times and dates SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

** September 16th- October 2nd will be half days ending at 12:00. From October 5th on will be full days**

Content	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (half day)	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 8:45 Morning Meeting /Check In	Whole group morning meeting, check ins and daily organization				
8:50 - 11:20 Content Instruction (ELA and Math)	1+ hour each of ELA and Math (breaks built in) Mix of virtual in-person instruction (whole group, small group, individualized)/ assignments (workbooks, projects) and/or pre-recorded items				
11:20 - 11:30 Closing Meeting	Whole group reflection/check in and closing				
11:30 - 12:30	LUNCH/RECESS BREAK				
12:30 - 1:10	40 Minutes of Social Studies or Science				
1:30-2:15 Specials	Students will have art, PE, and music weekly. Specials will be a mix of virtual meets and pre-recorded lessons or activities				
2:15-end of day	Mix of teacher office hours, collaboration, small groups and project time				
TOTAL TIME:**	@ 6.5 hours	@ 6.5 hours	@ 4 hours	@ 6.5 hours	@ 6.5 hours

We want to reiterate that this experience will be very different from what the students experienced in the spring. Our students will have face-to-face learning and support from their teacher and school staff daily. All students will have access to a tech device. We will be using Google Classroom as an organized platform for accessing learning, meetings, videos and links. This does NOT mean that students will be on the computer for 6 hours a day. Student learning will be a mix of virtual learning, live teacher instruction, recorded instruction, workbooks, independent reading and projects, specials, check-ins, small group work and independent work. Staff will be available everyday to support the learning and tech challenges that arise.

Although this fall--and possibly this year--may look very different, your child will still receive the same amazing education they have in the past from our Union #28 schools. We strive, as always, to give each student access to the best possible education and this year is no different.

Erving School Union #28 assures that all programs, activities and employment opportunities are offered without regard to race, color, gender, gender identity, age, creed, homelessness, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability and pregnancy or pregnancy related conditions.

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” -Phil Jackson, coach

Thank you for being part of our Union #28 team as we start this school year!

With warm regards,
Union #28 Leadership Team