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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

I wanted to send an update regarding the start of Second Semester and everyone's least favorite topic...Covid protocols. While the CDC has issued new guidance regarding isolation for positive cases, as of now, none of it applies to schools in Illinois according to the IDPH and the Illinois State Board of Education. We anticipate this being a hot topic throughout the State over the course of the next couple of days and possibly into next week. So for now, our protocols for positive cases remain the same as the First Semester. If we are issued additional guidance, we will apply it, and update all of you. In all honesty, we want to be extra cautious the first few weeks back.

I'm asking for continued patience and support as we have returned to in-person learning this week. We all know that Covid numbers are very high and continue to fluctuate throughout DuPage County and surrounding counties as well. We continue to believe we can mitigate issues at school if we all work together. I also want to reiterate that we are committed to safely remaining in person, and keeping our school in session for our students and staff. I can't stress this next statement enough....if your student has symptoms **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL**. If someone in your home has symptoms or has Covid, follow the protocols that were communicated at the beginning of the school year and err on the side of caution 100% of the time. If you have questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me. Please refer to our Student COVID Agreement [here](#).

Our best method of remaining in person and avoiding quarantine is to have a large percentage of our school population fully vaccinated. While I understand and respect everyone's right to choose what is best for you and your student, the regulations we have to follow definitely encourage vaccination for students when eligible. I'm asking everyone to please be kind to our teachers, social worker, front office staff, and myself, as we are attempting to do our very best to navigate the ever changing landscape that is COVID and the continual IDPH changes and updates, in order to ensure that our students and staff remain healthy.

As we move into 2022, I am confident that we will meet the challenges that lie ahead. I'm looking forward to starting our Second Semester together, and will continue to communicate as we carefully monitor Covid cases at the Center for Student Success. I'm confident with all of us working together we can keep everyone healthy and safe. Thanks for your continued patience, support and grace during these uncertain times. They are certainly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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