

Clinton Public School District

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Tim L. Martin, Ed.D. Superintendent

November 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued tremendous support of the Clinton Public School District during one of the most difficult periods of time we have ever faced in our lifetimes. We have been focused on providing the best educational services possible to all of our families regardless of whether they have been Traditional, or Virtual. Our teachers and administrators have been phenomenal in what they have been able to accomplish in trying to serve all children. We appreciate your patience and willingness to trust us as we began the year trying to safely bring students back to campus. We feel that we have been very successful in managing the everchanging needs caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are very proud that as of the date of this letter, we have not had a single case of COVID-19 spread at a school building by virtue of a teacher or student becoming ill and spreading it to others within the class or school. All of our cases, which total a little less than 40, have been spread through community spread, and we hope to be able to keep it that way until the end of the school year.

COVID numbers are once again increasing statewide. We have even seen new cases in our schools. In response to this, we are redoubling our efforts to ensure we keep everyone safe. With that in mind, we ask you as parents and guardians to please help us during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by limiting your family's exposure to contracting COVID. If we all continue to follow the guidelines that have been given to us, we can continue to have school and will not have to shut down as so many other districts are doing currently. We do not plan to shut down schools and move to virtual learning unless the data forces us to do so. We are hopeful that many of those students who have been virtual for the first two nine-weeks will come back to on campus learning in January. Children need to be in school, and we have proven so far that we can keep them safe. We are hopeful that many will make the decision to return at that point.

Once again, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire CPSD staff, thank you for your continued support. We wish you and your family the most blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sincerely,

Tim L. Martin, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools