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Dear Boone County Families & Employees,

As we finish our 8th day of school and our first full week of classes, we continue to see excitement and hope in our students and our staff. The first full week of classes always seems a little longer than 5 days as both adults and students adjust their internal clocks and schedules for the start of school. Also, we are very excited to see our kindergarten students in school for the entire day, the opening of our newest school, Steeplechase Elementary, and a great group of teachers, staff, and principals that work hard to serve our children. Remember that our top priority is to keep our schools open and provide daily, in-person instruction to our students.

The number of COVID-19 cases and quarantines for students and employees at each school or department are posted on our district website each day for full transparency. We currently have 109 positive cases and 687 quarantines for students across our entire district of over 20,000 students. We also currently have 21 positive cases and 3 quarantines for staff across our nearly 4,000 employees. Remember that this data takes a day or two to be processed and posted so there may be some lag time.

We understand and respect that members of our community have differing opinions on some issues. However, keeping our schools open each day for in-person instruction for our students is something on which we can all agree. If we strictly follow our safety protocols, our students and staff can stay safe and healthy at school and we can keep our schools open.

Our quarantine procedures have a very important exception, of which all parents and students should be aware. In general, a person is quarantined if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. A close contact is someone that was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes while the person was considered contagious. The exception for an indoor school setting excludes students who were at least 3 feet away from an infected student if both students were correctly and consistently wearing a mask. Therefore, to stay out of quarantine, students should be very mindful of wearing a mask and keeping proper distance from other students as best as possible. This exception is for students only and is approved by the Center for Disease Control and the KY Dept. of Public Health.

While we have successfully started our school year, we do have a need for additional bus drivers, paraeducators, and custodians and would like to invite people to apply for these positions on the [Employment Opportunities](#) page of our website.

Thank you for your continued support and remember that we all have the same goal; we want a safe and healthy place for students and staff in our schools, where they can focus on learning and teaching.

Sincerely,

Matthew Turner
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