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Dear Boone County Families & Employees,

We are making plans to adjust our instructional model to include more in-person instruction by combining our A & B hybrid groups starting Thursday, October 29th. Arriving at this difficult decision was certainly a complex challenge as everyone wants to be safe and everyone values the effectiveness of in-person instruction. As educators, our greatest priority is our students' overall mental health and their overall academic progress.

Unfortunately, the case numbers of COVID-19 in our county and our state are growing and this is concerning to everyone as well. On Thursday, October 22nd, we will communicate with parents and employees the status of our instructional model for the following week, which includes the planned start date of Thursday, October 29th. Our decision making will include local and regional COVID-19 data and the school closure criteria listed on our district website's COVID-19 dashboard.

Our schools' ability to implement the mitigation and safety protocols listed in the *Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools (K-12)* is significant for the safety of our children and employees and in determining our level of in-person instruction. The most important of these strategies are: consistent and correct use of face masks, physical distancing to the largest extent possible, hand washing and covering any coughs or sneezes, cleaning and disinfection of common surfaces, contact tracing with school and local health officials.

Our goal is to keep our students and staff safe and our schools open; and ultimately providing more in-person instruction for our students. To accomplish this, we will need your help in many forms, so please contact your school to find a way to assist or watch for school messages seeking your help.

Thank you for your continued support of the Boone County School District, our schools, our students, and our teachers and staff. As always, take care of yourself, your family, and your community.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Turner
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