Dear SG R-II Families:

I hope this communication finds all of you well and enjoying the summer. I wanted to take a moment to update you on the District’s progress toward a reopening plan for Fall 2020. We currently have surveys open for families, instructional and non-instructional staff members to provide input on a variety of reopening school topics. Families, if you have not done so already, please take a moment to complete the survey here. The survey will close on Sunday, July 19 at 5 p.m. I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to offer your thoughts and feelings regarding school this fall.

We also have had and will continue to hold meetings to discuss reopening school with a variety of experts and stakeholders. Representatives from the Ste. Genevieve County Health Department and the Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital and our local pediatricians have been an important part of this process and will continue to provide valuable input as our plan evolves. Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS), along with feedback from the completed surveys, staff members and students, will help drive the development of the plan.

With the start of the 2020-2021 school year beginning on Monday, August 24, we plan to release Version 1 of the Ste. Genevieve R-II School District 2020-2021 Reopening Plan by Friday, August 7. It is important to understand that this will be the first version of the plan. As we have all seen, guidance and response to the COVID-19 virus changes rapidly. This version will provide an overview of contingency plans as conditions evolve moving forward, and it is subject to change as public health guidelines are updated. When changes are necessary, SG R-II families will be notified and will receive a copy of the updated plan.

While we are working through the various options for school this fall, we know that any in-school instruction will likely necessitate our students wearing cloth masks, specifically when groups of students will be in close proximity for more than 15 minutes (buses, hallways, etc.). According to the CDC and other healthcare professionals, masks have proved to be one of the most effective methods of containing COVID-19. In order to be prepared when we are able to open school buildings, we would like our families to obtain a mask (or possibly, two) as part of their child(ren)’s school supplies.

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We appreciate the patience and support you have shown as we have worked toward the development of a reopening plan. The SG R-II mission is “working together to create success at Ste. Genevieve R-II and beyond.” When the creators of this mission developed it, I am positive they did not dream the word “beyond” would ever encompass educating our students outside of our school buildings in the midst of a pandemic. But our mission holds strong, and together, we will figure out how to make all of this work while ensuring our students receive a quality education. #SGFamily. #InThisTogether

SG R-II Loyal and True,

Dr. Julie L. Flieg
Superintendent