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To Our D75 and D120 Families:

This will be the first message in a bi-weekly series to keep you up to date on what is happening in our schools as we move through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. I am optimistic about the future as I look forward to the next few months.

Because of the hard work of several ongoing committees, staff and administration, we have been able to move through several “stages” of return to in-school learning. Knowing the value of in-person education, we moved through the stages of remote learning, to a hybrid learning model with half days in person and on March 1 the high school began full day classes four days a week. The elementary and middle schools made or will make that move on March 8 and March 15 respectively. With the area metrics being favorable we are confident in our decision to move forward. We have also given families the opportunity to change from remote learning to in-person learning as long as we have the space to provide that move.

It has been my pleasure to see the energy and excitement of the students as they enjoy being back in their respective school buildings. The students and staff have been remarkable in cooperating with the constraints of the pandemic. Everyone is wearing masks, social distancing and following all other mitigation procedures.

To add to our confidence in having our students and staff back in school was a recent feature on a local news channel highlighting the high school’s UV Ray ultraviolet deep cleaning program which keeps our facilities clean and safe. All of our schools in both districts are using that same technology and resources. You can view the news clip here: <https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/ultraviolet-technology-being-used-to-kill-coronavirus-germs-in-schools>

As we look ahead to Spring Break, March 22 to March 26, we encourage you to enjoy some “downtime” with your families but also caution you not to let your “guard” down. Please continue to wear masks, social distance and wash hands frequently. Also continue to avoid large groups of people who are not following the guidelines. We look forward to continuing our educational programs from now through the end of the school year. We hope to celebrate a “job well-done” by students and staff when we honor our graduates and promotions in May. Let's hang in there, do our part to keep our school families safe and look forward to a bright future.

Dr. Kevin Myers

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