



January 8, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, Governor Whitmer held a press conference encouraging all schools to begin offering an in-person instruction option by March 1 and to keep students, staff, and communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, Berrien Springs Public Schools is already offering an in-person learning option in addition to connected classroom learning at the elementary and virtual learning. We will continue to provide these options for all students in grades PreK-12.

As a reminder, the district continues to implement the safety protocols and procedural guidelines recommended by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, the Berrien County Health Department and the Berrien Springs Return to School Roadmap. A copy of our district's Roadmap is available on the school district's website at www.homeoftheshamrocks.org.

Our school district will continue to follow all recommended and necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at all times. Please be reminded of the importance of remaining vigilant in practicing the following safety protocols to mitigate the spread of all illness:

- Wearing a facial covering
- Practicing frequent hand washing
- Remaining home when sick
- Parents are reminded to screen students daily for potential symptoms of illness before sending them to school
- Staff are reminded to complete the daily health screener before reporting to school

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to support healthy practices at home, in the community and in your personal daily activities as we respond to these events in our school district. I continue to appreciate the way our staff and students demonstrate flexibility and cooperation during this very challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Eichberg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

David Eichberg, Superintendent