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Re: Guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics

Dear Oneida School District Parents and Employees,

With the news of Oneida County starting to see positive COVID-19 cases, a new level of anxiety regarding the start of school and the safety of our students has arisen. It is our focus to have student safety as our top priority. Our teacher teams have been working hard this summer to develop safety and health protocols. These protocols will outline proactive actions that will minimize risks to students and staff. All teachers and staff will receive training before the beginning of school. We will share these protocols with parents and students before school starts. Our teachers will also review the same protocols with their students as they come to school.

As stated in an earlier communication, we anticipate starting the school year out at school at our Level 1 protocols. In our re-entry plan, there are three levels – each having more aggressive actions. The School Board, along with the guidance of the Director of the Southeast Idaho Health Department, Maggie Mann, will determine which level is most appropriate for our school district.

In a recent correspondence, Maggie Mann shared this statement regarding the **Guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics:**

“I have reviewed it, and they are coming out VERY strongly on the side of kids needing to be in school. They emphasize that even if physical distancing needs to be reduced to say, 3 feet, that is lower risk overall than limiting the # of days kids are in school. So, if following this guidance (which is pretty thoroughly researched and reliable, from my perspective), I would say 30 kids together all day is better than the 15 every other.”

I have attached the Guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics so you may review its contents.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rich Moore

Superintendent

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