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Dear EES Staff and Families,

On Monday, March 1, 2021 the Erlanger-Elsmere Schools will transition to four days a week of in person instruction for students in all grades. In person instruction will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday will be a virtual learning day for all students. You will find a detailed schedule for the next three weeks on the News and Announcements and the Healthy at School pages of our website (<https://www.erlanger.kyschools.us/>).

I must be completely transparent with you about the fact that we will not be able to guarantee six (6) feet of social distance between students in classrooms in this instructional model. We will follow the KDE's Healthy at Schools Social Distancing safety expectations, which state, "If the physical space in the school does not allow for spacing students' desks 6 feet apart, space desks as far away as possible. All desks should be arranged so students' seats face the same directions."

We will continue to maintain six (6) feet of social distance between students during meals, when the students are unmasked.

Safety expectations related to temperature checks, screening and exclusion, masking, hand hygiene, cleaning, isolation, and quarantine will remain in place and consistent with previous practice.

There will continue to be an all-virtual instruction model for those families that do not feel comfortable with the in person instruction model. We plan to move all of the Group A and Group B Hybrid students into the new in person instruction model. Should you want to change your child's instructional model please contact their school as soon as possible.

We need to continue to support one another as a school community in this transition. Please do not send your child to school or to extra-curricular activities if they are ill, have symptoms of COVID-19, or are awaiting COVID-19 test results. Like with our extra-curricular activities, a positive COVID-19 case in a classroom may cause several students to be required to quarantine as a close contact because we are unable to guarantee six (6) feet of social distance.

Let's all continue to do our part by following the state's and CDC's guidelines for mitigating COVID-19. We have seen a decline in positive COVID-19 cases, the positivity rate, and the incidence rate in our community, county and state in



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recent weeks. Continuing that trend will allow us to keep moving forward with our in person instruction model. It is my hope that we can transition to five (5) days of in person instruction as early as March 15, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Board Office or your child's school.

Sincerely,



Chad D. Molley, Superintendent

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