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Dear Bethalto School District Staff and Community,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools regarding the 2020-21 school year. This 60-page document has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what the 2020-21 school year will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing masks, social distancing, and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

Right now, we don't have all the answers to those questions, as this document was released to school districts at the same time it was released to the public. Therefore, we kindly ask for your patience as our staff thoroughly reviews this detailed guidance and implements the suggestions into our district's own transition plan.

We are keenly aware of the urgent need to communicate to families about what to expect next school year. We anticipate releasing our own transition plan towards the middle to end of July, while also sharing an update on our planning process and timeline by the beginning of July.

As you may know, our district is in the process of forming transition teams and has already been discussing options. It will be important to meet with the Board of Education as well as we make decisions together. This guidance will accelerate those conversations. I'm confident our district can put forth a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our students while maintaining a dynamic learning environment.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as we all navigate a situation together that none of us ever could have imagined.

We will be in touch soon. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Respectfully,
Jill Griffin, Superintendent

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