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Dear ELPS Families,

As you may have seen and heard, the Governor and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released initial or preliminary plans for reopening schools for the 2020 – 2021 school year. This guidance prioritizes getting students safely back to school, in-person, with districts following a comprehensive set of health and safety requirements. The Department is also requiring schools to create hybrid learning plans to teach students in-person and remotely on alternating schedules, and to have robust remote learning plans in place, should these alternate learning models be needed. Each school district will be providing three learning plans to the Department in August. We know that this guidance will be revised as more information is gained through the summer, and we will adjust our plans accordingly.

Here in ELPS, the discussions have already begun to allow us to fully understand this guidance and to begin developing the three required instructional plans. As we develop these plans, we will be communicating with our families and soliciting feedback from our families during the summer.

Our success with the Remote Learning program this year that we utilized from March 16th to the last day on June 19th was due the great flexibility and creativity shown by ELPS staff and the incredible cooperation and support from all ELPS families. We certainly want to continue to partner with our families as we prepare for the 2020 – 2021 school year. We will meet this continuing challenge together.

Sincerely,

Gordon C. Smith
Superintendent of Schools