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will achieve
global
recognition
as a model
for innovative
learning and
excellence.*



Dr. Brian Schmitt,
Superintendent

January 8, 2021

Dear GV Family,

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday season and I appreciate all you are doing to support your child's learning. We are eager for students to return to full time in person learning as soon as it is safely possible and when we grow more optimistic that an end to the pandemic is in sight.

Prior to the holiday break, I surveyed a variety of Board of Education Members, administrators, faculty, staff and students to determine when it may be appropriate for more students to return to campus. I shared the idea of allowing more elementary and middle school students to attend additional days per week. Planning began and continues for this to happen as soon as it may be safely accomplished.

There are currently no changes in the regulations from the State regarding social distancing and safety precautions which restrict the number of students who can be in a classroom at the same time. At this time, we are not able to have every student attend school every day in person. I remain concerned with the amount of community spread holiday gatherings caused and recognize that we are very limited with substitute staff. The quarantines of staff continue to challenge our ability to keep students learning on campus.

Therefore, I do not feel it is the right time for additional students to return to campus for additional days. **We will continue the current hybrid schedule through the end of February.** I am optimistic that we may possibly return more students to campus in March or April, provided that the community spread decreases and the vaccination process increases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'B. Schmitt'.

Superintendent