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Dear Willow Families:

As many of you already know, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released new guidelines for schools to operate under during the 2021-2022 school year. The Illinois Department of Public Health has endorsed those guidelines over the weekend, and we await their further guidance. While it will take us 2-3 weeks to fully adjust our plans for the coming school year, there are a few things we are able to share with you:

- Willow Springs School will have full day, in-person classes! The State of Illinois has mandated that every public school provide full day, in-person instruction to all students, grades 1-12, unless the local health department deems it unsafe. We will include kindergarten in our full day plan as we have had full day kindergarten for 20 years.
- As the State of Illinois dictates, all students are expected to be in-person for school. The only exceptions will be those who qualify for medically homebound instruction as prescribed by their doctor.
- Families will need to have a plan for when their student is quarantined at home. State law provides that during quarantine, students who are not eligible for the COVID19 vaccine, those under 12 years old, will be provided with remote instruction. Those students 12 or older who are eligible for the vaccine, but who have not been fully vaccinated, will not be eligible for remote instruction. Therefore, it is important that all students who are eligible for the vaccine be fully vaccinated by the start of the school year.
- We are still sorting through the other questions: masks (most of our students are under 12 and unvaccinated, so masks will be expected), social distancing, lunch and breakfast, the bus. It will take us a few weeks to share our plan with you. Our goal is to share it no later than the first week of August.

We're looking forward to moving towards a more normal school year. But one that is healthy and safe to create the best learning environment for the students to grow in.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Patrick



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