



## GREENFIELD-CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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December 30, 2021

Greenfield-Central Parents:

The last two school years have been filled with many unusual challenges as we continue to adjust to frequent interruptions created by the pandemic. In my reflection over this period of time, I am still quite pleased with the response of our school community. Students have rolled with the changes, and so have our staff members and parents. When I penned my “back to school” letter in July, I focused on the *resilience* of our school community. I stand behind those words when I think about this past semester.

As we prepare to enter the second semester, let’s continue the practices that allowed us to maximize the number of students onsite, leading to many academic successes in the first half of the school year. Though our comprehensive list of expectations is shared on our website ([www.gcsc.k12.in.us](http://www.gcsc.k12.in.us)), I would like to highlight a few key points for you and your family:

- All students should conduct a self-screening each day and stay home if sick.
- Students who test positive for COVID, or those who are identified as a close contact, should be excluded from school for the period of time determined by the corporation nurse or the nurse’s designee.
- **All students should bring their own mask to school each day** and wear it during the appropriate times identified within the regular school day. While we are experiencing this current surge in the pandemic, masks are considered part of the dress code.

Your assistance in these matters is critical to our ongoing success. You can help us fulfill our mission “Learning for All, All for Learning” in each of our schools by ensuring that your student adheres to these guidelines.

As a corporation, we will continue to publish our COVID data on our website. If you have any questions about the numbers for Greenfield-Central students during the Fall 2021 semester, please feel free to reach out to your child’s principal or me.

In the last few days, you may have noticed that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has published updated recommendations. As health experts have learned more about COVID-19, guidance has remained fluid since March of 2019. Therefore, it is safe to assume that the CDC will make additional recommendations in the next five months of the school year. As a result, I anticipate Greenfield-Central will adjust in response to the guidance we receive from our healthcare partners. We ask for your continued patience as we revise our expectations and procedures at the local level.

We want you to know that we sincerely appreciate your continued partnership in the education of your child.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Harold E. Olin

\* See the attached chart for more comprehensive details related to the number of positive COVID cases among G-C students and the impact it had on student attendance in the fall 2021 semester.

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