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Dear SCCS Families,

As we approach Winter Break, we continue to prepare for expanding in-person instruction with the Hybrid model as soon as our County moves back to the red tier. Once the County is in the red tier for two weeks, the state allows schools to implement Hybrid instruction with 50% of the students on campus at a time to allow for social distancing protocols. We are looking forward to seeing our students return to in-person learning.

The following are some of the many preparations occurring on our campuses:

- Upgrades to our ventilation systems
- Installation of HEPA filters where ventilation systems cannot be upgraded
- School-site specific safety videos to help students learn new safety protocols and procedures for on-campus instruction
- Social distancing markers and directional movement signage placed throughout campuses
- Installation of plexiglass in office spaces and libraries where social distancing is not possible

As we continue with distance learning, I'd like to thank those of you who contributed to our Thought Exchange on supporting student engagement. Your contributions reinforced what we know about the importance of teacher student relationships and flexibility during this challenging time. I'd also like to thank our students for their feedback--many of them are anxious to return to the classroom and have shared challenges about screen time and workload. You can find links to parent, student and staff feedback on the exchanges below. We will use this important feedback to continue to refine instruction and student support.

- [Parents](#)
- [Elementary Students](#)
- [Secondary Students](#)
- [Certificated Staff](#)
- [Classified Staff](#)

Tonight, our County will be placed on a [Stay at Home Order](#) because of our regional ICU capacity. We know that everyone is weary of the restrictions and the challenges that the pandemic has created in our lives. I am hopeful this order will serve to reduce the spread of the virus in our community which will allow us to transition to in-person instruction in the new year. Please see our [website](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) for information on resources and supports for families during this difficult time.

We have faced many challenges since last March, and I am grateful to our entire community for your resilience and partnership in supporting your children through this pandemic and distance

learning. With the vaccine available, I am optimistic about the months ahead. I wish your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Warm regards,
Kris Munro
Superintendent