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Dear Families,

Happy Friday! I can honestly tell you that this has been one of my favorite weeks that I've experienced in education. They say absence makes the heart grow fonder, and I can personally say that I've never been more excited to see kids pouring into our buildings than during the last two days. I'm so proud of and grateful for the way things have gone at all of our buildings. Our staff is so clearly up to the challenge and our students have been exceptional. It has been a joy to see our students in Pre-K through Grade 9, and I can't wait to welcome back the rest of our high school students on Monday and Tuesday.

However, there is some mixed news from the week as well. Our Wright County COVID-19 numbers continue to rise. The latest data from the state shows that the Wright County case rate is at 20.1 cases per 10,000 people. That puts us right on the edge of the state suggesting hybrid mode at the elementary level based on guidelines put forth in the Minnesota Safe Schools Plan.

After a discussion with Wright County health officials and our Regional COVID-19 team this morning, **we want to let families know that district leadership and local health officials both feel that continuing with in-person learning at the elementary level and hybrid learning at the secondary level (Grades 6-12) is the right move.** Detailed information regarding case rates and community transmission show that Monticello's numbers have not changed significantly, and we are confident in continuing to bring our students in every day while continuing to take every precaution to ensure the safety of students and staff.

We continue to be prepared for a possible transition between models as the situation evolves and the case rate changes weekly. I want to ask families to please be prepared for this as well, and to have a plan in place **should** the district ever need to move all the way to distance learning.

Please know that we will continue to monitor the data weekly, and we will communicate with families when necessary.

Thank you for your part in making this a tremendous first week back to school in Monticello School District. If we stay in this together, we can and will make this a tremendous school year. We got this!!

Sincerely,

Superintendent Eric Olson