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## CALHOUN COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT 40

Hardin, Illinois 62047  
*"Home of the Warriors"*

August 21, 2020

Dear Warrior Families,

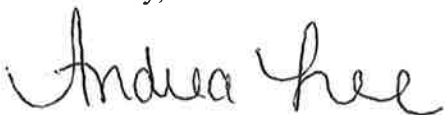
It was great to have the kids back in the buildings and get started on the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you for helping with self-certification and for offering to drive your children instead of having them take a bus. Both of these are essential in conducting the school day and have helped tremendously with the opening plan.

As you may know, our guidance for COVID-19 in school changes almost on a daily basis. Just this week IDPH updated their Exclusion Guidance for schools and daycares twice. We remain in constant contact with the Calhoun County Health Department for information in our local area. With that being said, there are a few important notes and/or reminders for parents:

- Communication home regarding a COVID-19 illness or exposure in the district will be handled primarily by the health department. Information will be timely and discreet. The health department conducts the contact tracing.
- Notification will only be provided to those determined to be affected by exposure; however if there is a positive COVID-19 case in the district a more general notice will be given to all.
- If quarantine is necessary for your child, specific information on how to proceed will be provided.
- It is extremely important to understand that a classroom, building, or district closure could happen on a very short notice. Please make sure that all family contacts are correct and emergency contacts are listed.
- There could be a situation where a dismissal will need to take place during the day and buses may not be able to transport students. Alternate arrangements will need to be made.
- Following a positive case or exposure buildings may need to close temporarily for thorough cleaning. New guidelines suggest that this be a minimum of 48 hours.

All of these considerations are important in understanding how the school year may continue to play out for Calhoun CUSD #40. We ask that you contact the school and health department immediately if there is a concern of illness or exposure with your child(ren). The District encourages all community members to maintain safe social distances, wear a mask, and wash hands regularly. Also pay close attention to symptoms of COVID-19 and report them immediately. This collaborative effort is what helps keep our students, staff, and community healthy.

Sincerely,



Andrea Lee