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2020-2021 Start of School Year Family Update August 26, 2020

Dear Families:

The first day of school is not far away! I have included below important updates, reminders and other information for you.

School Learning Model

As I shared with you in my August 18 update, at the August 17 School Board meeting, the School Board determined the initial school learning model would be ***In-person Learning for Elementary Students & Hybrid Learning for Secondary Students*** based on the state published county case rate data ([Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County \(PDF\)](#)). A Minnesota public school district must determine the learning model based on the county in which our school district resides with the highest 14-day case rate which has consistently been Waseca County.

NRHEG Public Schools is closely monitoring the county case rate data for all three of our counties (Freeborn, Steele, Waseca) to determine if and when it may be necessary to move to a more restrictive model which would most likely be the *Hybrid Learning for all students* for both schools. The timing of such a move would be determined by the School Board after consultation with our Regional Support Team, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

2020-2021 Student Safety Protocol Parent Acknowledgment Form

A reminder for parents/guardians to complete the [2020-2021 Student Safety Protocol Parent Acknowledgment Form](#) that was sent out last week. The intent of the form is to share important health and safety information with families and to ask for a shared commitment in protecting students and staff in the school buildings.

Annual Notices for Families

Each year, public school districts are mandated by law to provide parents, guardians, students and the public of annual notifications. [Annual Notification Requirements](#) can all be found on our website.

The NRHEG staff is working extremely hard to prepare for the start of the school year. We look forward to welcoming students on September 8. Do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s), principal, or me with questions. Thank you for all you do to support your child(ren) the NRHEG Public Schools.

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