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To School District of Marshfield Families and Staff:

This update is sent to address recent developments with the school district's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically, relating to considerations for learning mode adjustments.

Throughout the pandemic, the School District of Marshfield Board of Education has shared the public's concerns regarding the negative impacts of COVID-19. In particular, the Board of Education recognizes and empathizes with the concerns and frustrations that have been conveyed by our parents about their students' learning and instructional programming.

The primary goal of the school district has always been and will continue to be getting our students back in schools for 100% in-person learning. Certainly, not all things have gone perfectly. And still, together we have navigated and persevered the difficulties of this pandemic, largely, in a successful manner. This has occurred because of the tremendous efforts and accomplishments of our students, families, and staff. We greatly appreciate your patience and consideration as we all continue to make the types of adjustments that are needed to help carry our students and staff forward to the final stretches of this challenging school year.

As recently communicated to parents of high school students, Marshfield High School will shift to a two-day rotation, effective March 1, 2021, with Cohorts A and B beginning to follow the same schedule as Marshfield Middle School. The plan for the elementary schools is to continue with everyday in-person instruction, which we hope can continue through the end of the school year. Moving forward, we will continue to assess how things go with the middle and high schools following a two-day rotation as we plan for the eventual shift of both buildings to everyday in-person instruction. Our hope is to have all schools on an everyday model at some point during the 4th quarter of this school year.

We will continue to hold Reinforcement Days with at-home learning for all students, grades 4K through 12. We are also preparing for in-person programming with students at all levels for the upcoming 2021 Summer School Session, which may include hybrid learning options for some classes at the high school.

Again, we thank you for your continued patience and understanding. Everyone is encouraged to remain positive and hopeful as we look forward to the time we can put the disruptions of COVID-19 behind us.

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Superintendent