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Dear Parents and Students,

We want to give you an update on the status of Chatfield School face to face instruction as we return from Spring Break. Unlike the wintry surprise that we received yesterday morning we do know that Spring is coming and the snow will disappear. Covid-19 is not disappearing as quickly as anyone would like. Everyone is feeling the pandemic fatigue of dealing with this for over a year, but we cannot let our guard down now. We have been in continual contact with the Lapeer County Health Department. Currently Lapeer County is seeing a drastic increase in cases similar to the spike in November. We do know that we can keep schools open and provide face to face instruction if **EVERYONE DOES THEIR PART!** Yes, this means **every family, every parent, every student, every staff member must continue with the protocols.** One person disregarding safety protocols or making unwise decisions will have an impact on everyone who comes to Chatfield School each day. The other option is something that we would prefer not to do, and that is to return to remote learning.

Every family needs to do the following to help all of us:

First, if anyone is sick with Covid-19 symptoms in the household we request that everyone stay home until it can be confirmed by a medical doctor or test that these symptoms are not Covid-19. We know this will create challenges, but again we are talking about protecting all 550 people and over 300 families that are involved at Chatfield each day.

As a family, if you are participating in a higher-risk activity that would increase the possibility of exposure to Covid-19, such as traveling or attending crowded events, you need to keep your children quarantined for 10 days. If you need to keep your children home to quarantine, let the office know and these absences will be excused. We will also assist in providing your children with their schoolwork. Every family also needs to prepare a plan for childcare if the school needs to return to remote learning.

As a parent, monitor your child every day, and if they are having any symptoms KEEP them and any siblings home until a doctor or a test confirms that the symptoms are not Covid-19. As Spring arrives we know that many allergies can mimic symptoms of Covid-19, but do not put everyone else at risk by ignoring the



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symptoms. If anyone in your household is considering being tested or awaiting results of a test, **DO NOT SEND THE STUDENTS TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE TEST ARE KNOWN AND ARE NEGATIVE.** Parents also need to communicate with the school office so that the school is aware of situations.

Everyone at Chatfield needs to continue to wear a mask properly, social distance, and wash hands frequently. Students also need to tell their parents about how they are feeling and be totally honest about how they are feeling with adults. Students will wear a mask from the time they exit the family car until the time they get back into the family car.

All school staff have had the opportunity to receive a Covid-19 vaccine, and we are thankful to the more than 70% of staff who have been vaccinated. School staff will do their part to continue to implement our safety procedures and protocols. School staff will continue to provide work for students on quarantine so that families can do the right thing. School staff will monitor students for symptoms and remove any student who has a symptom from the classroom and school.

Again, we do know that we can safely provide face to face instruction but everyone must do their part. **We look forward to resuming classes on Monday, April 5!** We will continue to monitor the community data and evaluate our programming weekly. We are all in this together and we all need to do our part.

Sincerely,

Matt Young,
Co-Director

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Co-Director