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Dear Minnetonka Schools Community,

This afternoon, Governor Walz announced some changes to the COVID-19 restrictions in place in Minnesota that impact the options schools have for their learning models, beginning mid-January.

The Governor stated that as of January 18, 2021, school districts may allow grades K-5 and early learning programs to return to in-person learning, with reduced social distancing, provided other guidelines are met. These guidelines include a staggered return of students, regular site testing of COVID-19 for staff and the requirement of staff to wear both a mask and a face shield, among other protocols. Additionally, school districts must have their learning plans approved by the state.

Minnetonka Schools will take into consideration all of the information the Governor shared today, as well as the plan scenarios that we have already been working through for January. The School Board will have a thorough discussion about our next steps as a District at Thursday evening's Study Session.

I expect there will be significant changes to our current plan and that our new plan will allow for more students to be in school more often. We will, of course, continue to provide e-learning as an option for families.

We will share a detailed update with you on Friday, December 18 about how we plan to move forward and how the decisions will impact students and staff.

We remain committed to providing an exceptional education experience to our students, to supporting their well-being and to providing a safe teaching and learning environment for our students and staff.

Dennis Peterson
Superintendent of Schools