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**Caledonia Community Schools** 

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Dear Caledonia Community Schools Family,

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy. We wanted to give you an important update on our high school reopening and school sports practices.

The good news is, we've had no new cases of COVID-19 at Caledonia Community Schools since our last update. As a result, we've been cleared to restart in-person instruction at the High School this Monday, Sept. 14. In addition, athletic teams can begin practicing on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Like you, we are looking forward to welcoming our amazing students back to the classroom. We thank the Caledonia Schools Community for coming together to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and your patience and understanding while we made the quick transition to virtual learning.

During the last two weeks, we've identified several areas of improvement regarding our virtual instruction. We've implemented an instructional schedule that allows for independent learning and two-way communication between teacher and student. Whether in the classroom or learning online we know relationships are essential to learning, so we're also excited to announce we're adding additional online teacher mentors to help support our full-time online learners moving forward. Stay tuned for more information on this initiative.

The return to in-person instruction at the high school is great news for our students, families and community. We need to remain diligent in wearing masks, social distancing, avoiding large gatherings, frequent hand washing and all the <u>important recommendations</u> by the CDC and Kent County Health Department so we can avoid future disruptions in learning and sports practices and of course keep our community safe.

Working together we can prevent the further spread of COVID-19, I am optimistic that we can continue to make this challenging year one of our most successful ever! We will keep providing periodic updates as needed.

Thank you for doing your part to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and keep our schools open. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and school employees for going above and beyond the call of duty to serve our students. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday!

Thank you and have a great weekend.

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