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D90 COVID-19 Community Advisory Panel – 9/29/20

Advisory Panel Recommendations for Transition to In-Person Instruction

As the District prepares to return students to in-person instruction in a safe manner, it is vital to incorporate the perspectives and valuable expertise that is available across our community. During the month of September, the D90 COVID-19 Community Advisory Panel met numerous times to establish consensus around the essential priorities that must be addressed to return students to campus in service of four key principles: *Safety, Equity, Social Emotional and Physical Wellness, and High Quality Instruction*. The Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was comprised of stakeholders from across River Forest, including parents, PTO leadership, faculty, staff, students, River Forest Education Association (RFEA) leadership, local physicians, community partners, administrators, and a member of the D90 Board of Education. The Panel reviewed numerous information and data sources to reach their recommendations, including internal district resources, articles from educational/research entities, guidance from public health and educational agencies, and student, staff, and family perception survey feedback. The Team used a collaborative process to identify the primary “areas of focus,” prioritize identified needs, and recommend corresponding solutions. The solutions were then distilled into the final recommendations that are attached to this letter. Please note that an addendum is also attached for each focus area, providing greater detail about each of the high-level recommendations.

Please note that the attached recommendations are based in consensus, so it is probable that not every member of the Panel agrees with them in their entirety. However, the Panel’s expectation is that the recommendations be considered thoughtfully and implemented with fidelity whenever possible. The Panel submits these recommendations in the spirit of continuous improvement and expects that plans to support in-person instruction will continue to be refined over time.

The membership of the COVID-19 Community Advisory Panel hereby submit the attached recommendations for Board of Education consideration and implementation across our school community. The Advisory Panel is grateful to know that they will receive full consideration.

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