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Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School Board,

Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Education Association Executive Board would like to share our thoughts about the return plan to the 2020-2021 school year.

We feel the administration has worked hard to create three plans that meet the needs of students, families, and staff in our district. The administration sought feedback from teacher representatives selected from leadership teams before finalizing the plans. The decision as to which model will be utilized should be based on the parameters set by the governor of Minnesota. As a specific focus of these plans, we urge the district to enforce the mandates created by the governor requiring individuals to wear masks/face coverings when indoors, as health permits.

We support the administration's decision to open school using whichever model is recommended by the data presented by the Minnesota Department of Health on August 24, 2020. We also support the district's continued usage of this data for making instructional decisions throughout the duration of the pandemic.

Finally, we would like to thank the board for putting the safety of not only our students, but also the staff working throughout the district, forefront in their decision-making process. We realize that this is a difficult time and appreciate knowing that the school board, in collaboration with district administration is utilizing the most recent health and safety data to keep everyone safe in these unprecedented times.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Education Association