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January 4, 2021

Dear Valley Park School District Families:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fantastic winter break and that you had time to rest, recharge, and enjoy many of the things you and your family love to do most. On [December 18th, we communicated](#) our in-person learning plan for instruction when students return on Tuesday, January 5th. When school resumes, we will continue to educate all k-12 in-person learners [four days a week](#) (Monday-Thursday) through the end of the 3rd quarter (March 18th). Fridays will continue to be a virtual learning day.

We are excited to welcome our students back to school on Tuesday, January 5th, as planned, and are confident that if we continue to be diligent in adhering to our [mitigation practices](#) that we can successfully sustain a high continuity of in-person instruction. Since December 18th, Covid-19 positivity rates in St. Louis County are trending positively, and there is much optimism as our area health care workers are becoming vaccinated. Hopefully, vaccine production and distribution will increase to a point where educators and the general public who wish to become vaccinated will have the opportunity later this spring and summer. Until then, we will continue to do our very best to serve our in-person learners in a safe learning environment as we monitor our community's health and wellness. Please continue to screen your child EACH day before sending them to school. It takes less than 2 minutes to do a fever check and review the [Healthy Hawk Checklist](#). If your child is sick, please do not send them to school.

I want to close by offering my sincere gratitude. There is truly no other way to say it; the past nine months have been hard! As educators, we have had to work incredibly hard to deliver education in new ways and engage students through multiple mediums and platforms. We have learned by doing and often through mistakes. I also recognize that as parents and guardians, you have had to navigate the monumental changes and challenges that this pandemic has imposed. Thank you for working with us and for handling the past nine months with patience, grace, positivity, and respect.

Looking forward into 2021, I am hopeful and optimistic. I look forward to all we will do as a district and as a community in support of our students. Let's all continue to work together to make this a healthy, safe, and positive year filled with hope and new beginnings. Together, We Are Valley Park strong!

In gratitude,

*Dr. Tim Dilg*  
Superintendent