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Dear Boone County Families,

As you know, we began our plans and preparations in January to return to in-person learning. As of March 1st, we are in our second week, second day of in-person learning using our 4-day/week model. Reports from our schools, staff, and students are positive overall with a few concerns and challenges to be addressed by school staff and leaders.

The injunction ordered against Boone County Schools last week in the case Gillum vs. Boone County Schools has been dismissed. In the meantime, the Kentucky legislature has passed HB 208 and it was signed into law by Governor Beshear last Thursday. The new law will permit all Kentucky public school districts to seek approval for additional NTL days if they are offering at least 2-days of in-person instruction per week. Boone County Schools will continue with our ongoing efforts to move towards full in-person instruction and with the passing of HB 208 we are happy to be able to keep serving students who have chosen virtual learning for the remainder of the school year.

Last December we shared a general framework for the second semester of the school year and we included the possibility of transitioning to a virtual or hybrid model of instruction for one week immediately after spring break out of concern for an increase in COVID-19 cases. We are pleased to announce that due to the low COVID-19 incidence rate in Boone County we do not expect to reduce our in-person instruction with a virtual or hybrid model after spring break. We will continue to closely monitor the conditions in our schools and communities and take steps to address COVID-19 concerns when necessary.

Please stay in touch with your child's teachers and principal as they communicate information about academic progress and engagement. Each school is developing plans for focusing and accelerating the learning of each student by meeting their individual needs during the final quarter of this school year, during the summer months, and during the 2021-2022 school year.

In closing, we have had great success in transitioning from a virtual model to a hybrid model to a 4-day/week model. Now is not the time to let down our guard and relax our standards in terms of our safety protocols. Please remember that we have in-person school at stake right now. We need all of our families and everyone in our community to assist us in keeping our schools open for our students by following the safety protocols at home and at work and refraining from social gatherings.

Take care of yourself, your family, and your community.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Turner
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