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Hello Shaker Heights Schools Families and Staff,

I am sharing this message today to inform you that all K-8 students who wish to participate in onsite learning will begin a phased-in return to school on Thursday, November 5. We expect High School students to begin a phased-in return to onsite learning on Monday, November 30. Families should review the emailed information that accompanies this video message for specific schedule details.

The District will continue to closely monitor county-level and school-specific COVID-19 data to continue to inform onsite learning decisions moving forward.

We are committed to providing all students—whether onsite or online—with a safe learning environment that leads to positive academic and social-emotional outcomes.

As a reminder, our teachers will utilize a concurrent teaching model. In this model, live classroom lessons with onsite students will be livestreamed to our online students. Students who are online will be able to engage in the lesson via Google Meet, Zoom and other instructional technology tools. Students who have chosen to remain online will receive the same great instruction as their onsite peers.

I know that there will be a learning curve—for teachers and students—when we transition to a concurrent teaching model, and there will be some bumps on the road. That said, given our strong faculty and supportive community, I am confident that we will be able to continue providing a strong and effective learning experience for all students.

In the coming days, we will share additional details regarding schedules for both onsite and online students.

For families who wish to change your student's selection regarding online or onsite instruction, please reach out to your building principal.

For students participating in onsite learning, masks are mandatory. Plexiglass physical barriers are available to separate all students in our classrooms and will be utilized during lunch periods. Spaces are properly ventilated. Students and staff are expected to perform daily health self-assessments and record the results on the District COVID-19 screening app before entering school buildings.

I want to emphasize the crucial role that all of us play in minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Please, wear a mask. Avoid unnecessary social interactions and large gatherings. Wash your hands. Maintain physical distance. Our ability to begin and continue onsite learning depends on each of us taking responsibility for ourselves, for each other and for our students.

Thank you to our school nurses who are leading a District-wide campaign to stop the spread of COVID-19. As the transition to onsite learning proceeds, we will be reaching out to families and students with additional information about how we can all do our part.

Finally, thank you to our families and to our faculty and staff for your continued patience, flexibility, feedback, support and hard work these past few months. I look forward to a safe return to onsite learning for students and staff.