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Dear Boone County Families & Employees,

Our school building leaders have worked extremely hard this summer and fall to ensure that the start of our school year was as smooth and effective as possible. Let's take time to recognize their hard work and dedication to our schools principals as October is National Principals Month! Thank you to each of our principals and school administrators – you are doing a great job!

Our students and other students across Kentucky took the Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) in the spring of 2021. In previous years, these tests were called *Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress* (K-PREP). Developed by Kentucky teachers, these tests align with the Kentucky Academic Standards in each content area and serve as an annual summative assessment given in grades 3-8, 10, and 11 to Kentucky public school students. Participation on the state assessments were lower due to COVID-19 and in-person testing requirements. Due to these challenges and changes in the assessment system, direct comparisons of data from prior years are very difficult.

Overall, our students and staff performed well despite the challenges and difficulties of the 2020-2021 school year. District and school report cards are available for review at this link: [KY School Report Cards](#). We are now analyzing the results of the state assessments and determining how we may improve and we do want to highlight areas in which our students performed well. Our district scores at every level (elementary, middle, and high school) performed above the state average scores. Also, our district ACT composite score for 11th grade is the 15th highest composite in the state.

Our teachers regularly measure our students' learning using common formative assessments and then provide additional help and instruction as needed. Each of our schools across the district also measure our students learning several times a year using the CASE assessment for reading and mathematics. Most of our students will be taking the CASE assessment later this month; be looking for information from your schools or teachers.

We continue to focus on keeping our staff and students safe and our schools open for daily, in-person instruction. The incidence rate for COVID-19 in Boone County has dropped to 42.4 cases/100k population and remains at the high level. Below is last week's summary of COVID-19 positive cases and quarantines for our 20,000+ students:

- Week ending 10/1 94 student positive cases 308 student quarantines

Across our nearly 4,000 employees, we recorded the following:

- Week ending 10/1 12 employee positive cases 10 employee quarantines.

As of October 4th, our Test-to-Stay program has administered 966 COVID tests voluntarily to students that have been exposed to a person that is positive for COVID and are placed on quarantine. Of these tests administered, 11 have returned a positive result for COVID. This program is helping to keep our students and staff safe and in school. Additionally, this program reduces the number of our students that must quarantine. Over the last few weeks, we have been building the capacity for all schools to offer the Test-to-Stay program. Starting next Tuesday, each of our remaining schools will begin the program as well.

Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,

Matthew Turner
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