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Dear Country Club Hills 160 Students, Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Community Members:

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Dr. Duane Meighan, the new superintendent of schools for Country Club Hills 160. I would like to thank our dedicated Board of Education for selecting me to serve as your superintendent. I am honored and extremely humbled to have the opportunity to work collectively with you to transform the school system to one of the highest performing systems in the region. What I have always found to be very attractive about the school system and community are the richness in cultural diversity.

Country Club Hills 160 has many pockets of excellence and we will build on them, identify areas in need of improvement, and ensure quality learning through the lens of educational equity to drive continuous improvement in our schools. We will ensure that our students are receiving a high quality and innovative learning experience that prepares them for college and career readiness and to be globally competitive. It's about challenging all students at all levels and ensuring that their academic and social needs are met on a daily basis.

I am certain that parents and community members are eager to know what the reopening of our schools will look like in August. We have established a *Reopening of Schools Task-force*. The task-force is comprised of administrators and teachers. The goal of the task-force is to develop contingency plans and construct a plan for the reopening of our schools. School systems recently received guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education that highlights specific guidelines that school systems must follow. The guidelines will help drive our decision-making for the 2020-21 academic school year.

3 Models of Learning to consider for the 20-21 School Year

1. Blended Learning: Student learning would occur both in-person and virtually (remote).
2. Remote Learning: All students learn and receive instruction from home.
3. In-Person Learning: All students learn in their respective buildings

The task-force is focusing on the blended learning model (Hybrid), which will be a combination of in-person instruction and remote learning. The task-force will bring a recommendation to the board for information at the 7/21 board meeting. I will keep the community informed regularly with ongoing updates related to the reopening of schools for the 20-21 academic school year.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not state that I am looking forward to meeting students, staff, and community members this summer. I will be highly accessible and visible within the community and look forward to working collectively with you in our shared quest to ensure high quality teaching and learning experiences for all students.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Duane R. Meighan
Superintendent of Schools