



# Country Club Hills School District 160

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Greetings Country Club Hills School District 160 Families,

This is Dr. Duane Meighan, your Superintendent. I hope that this message finds you and your family safe and well. As you are aware, all Illinois Schools were closed on March 16th under the direction of Governor Pritzker. We were closed for approximately 12 weeks. Recently, we received guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year. The guidance strongly encourages in-person instruction for school districts; while we are in Phase 4.

As a result, we have been working with a task force to balance the recommendations of ISBE Phase 4 guidance with the social emotional needs of our students while providing a high quality education in a safe and healthy environment.

We would like to thank parents and staff members for actively taking the opportunity to complete the surveys that were sent out via email addresses that are on file. This data has helped us to understand concerns, questions and recommendations to guide the structure of the 2020 - 2021 academic school year.

We want you to know that we continue to work on fine tuning many critical answers to questions that all of us share surrounding what the 2020-2021 school year will look like in terms of in person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing mask, social distancing and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

Right now, just like all other school districts, we continue to receive additional guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education. Daily we engage in meaningful conversations with vested stakeholders so that we are prepared for full day in-person instruction with essential safety measures in place. While we are fully preparing for in-person instruction this year, we must also prepare for remote learning if the landscape changes.

On a slightly different note, I would like to encourage all families to complete the registration process for your student/students as soon as possible to assist with our planning for student enrollment. You can find information regarding the registration process on our district website.

The first day of school for students will be on August 24th.

Please keep in mind that we will all need each other's help and patience as we work through the maze of COVID-19. Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as our entire District navigates a situation together that none of us could have ever thought that we would encounter.

Stay Healthy and Safe

Dr. Duane Meighan Superintendent, Country Club Hills School District #160