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Dear Warrior Staff and Families:

After much deliberation and consideration, using multiple sources of data and opinions, it is time for Chippewa Hills School District to transition to a 4 day hybrid model at all levels. This change will occur October 5, our Homecoming week. This means we will no longer have red and blue alternating groups, but all face to face students will be attending Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be virtual for all students with the academic standards remaining for those days.

I am recommending this change due to the outstanding work of our staff in preparing students for the return to school through social distancing, as much as feasible, and teaching proper safety protocols. Our students, for the most part, have also done an excellent job of following these same safety protocols including social distancing and masks. I need to elaborate on the "for the most part" portion of my previous statement. I feel our HS students are capable of doing a better job when it comes to social distancing and following the protocols such as sanitizing hands and masks. We are good at this level, but we can improve and need to be better with double the population in the building. I state this because the majority of school outbreaks in Michigan and nationwide have occurred at the HS level and we do not want to become part of this statistic. I have no doubt our Warrior students will step up to meet this challenge.

Since this is a special week, we do hope students can still enjoy some aspects of Homecoming. We know that many activities will be different and/or unavailable, but again, please follow the proper protocols to ensure the safety of everyone and we can stay in this new hybrid model and not have to move backwards. We appreciate that families understand our limitations and that we are trying to still make school traditions memorable.

As already stated, Wednesday will remain virtual for all students and allow teachers to continue to prepare and provide materials to our Remote Warriors (full virtual). An important note about Remote Warriors, we have had some requests to change from full virtual to face to face over the past few weeks and this cannot occur moving forward until the trimester ends (Thanksgiving break). This decision to change was based on the face to face numbers we currently have and allowing such changes will only increase the classroom populations and reduce the social distancing allowed. We hope you can understand this limitation and why it is necessary when making educational and safety decisions about our schedule. Your cooperation and understanding of this practice is appreciated. Remote Warriors will be allowed to make a new choice after the trimester assuming things continue to improve as we move forward.

I truly appreciate everyone's efforts to give us a safe and effective start to the school year. I realize the choices that have been made are not ideal for anyone, but it is everyone's work that has made it possible. Our teaching staff deserves many accolades for their continued hard work in providing a quality program both face to face and virtually. Our support staff has stepped up their game to keep the buildings clean, assist students in tackling academic challenges, feeding students both here and afar, and driving students to and from school safely. Our tech department has been stressed with all the new expectations and learning curves thrown at them, but they continue to work hard to meet the needs of our staff and families. The administration, who rarely get recognized for their work, have put in countless hours to support their staff and keep schools safe. And finally, thanks to all of our families for working with us as we transition through this unknown and ever-changing world we live in. Chippewa Hills is a great place to learn, work and live...and it is because of you. Chippewa Hills is not a place, it is people. Thank you.

Educationally guided,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Bob Grover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

Bob Grover, Superintendent