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Greetings STRIDE Panthers!

We hope that all of you are safe at home and doing as well as possible during this time. We sure miss seeing all of the students in school. We have been monitoring COVID cases in our area, and our Back to School team has started working on plans to return students to in-person learning.

**February 16:** Grades K-3 start back in-person

(Non-instructional planning days for K-3: Feb. 10-12)

Grades 4-8 in distance learning

**March 1-5:** Spring Break: No School K-8

**March 8:** Grades K-8 all back in-person

(Non-instructional planning days for Grades 4-8: Feb. 10-12)

If you are planning to keep your children at home and not return in person, please let the school know by January 31.

We will continue to monitor the COVID cases in our counties we serve and vaccine distribution and may adjust the return dates slightly to accommodate this data. We will keep you as informed of this as it arises.

We cannot thank you enough for your strength, patience, resilience, and support throughout distance learning and the pandemic. Our students continue to amaze us each day with what they accomplish, thanks in great part to the support they receive from you at home and from our staff that work tirelessly to meet their needs. Please reach out if you have any questions.