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A Message from ABLE Superintendent Clem Lee

Greetings, ABLE Families.

As we embark upon the second semester of this very challenging school year, our prospects for reopening school with an option for in-person instruction remain clouded. The public and political rhetoric on the subject intensifies, but clarity remains elusive.

Our top priority remains the health and safety of our students, families, and staff.

The best efforts of our excellent teachers and staff notwithstanding, we know that our students are not best served by distance learning.

To provide a measure of predictability to the situation, here are ABLE's updated plans.

1. ABLE will consider reopening with an option for in-person instruction after all teachers and staff members have been vaccinated.
2. ABLE could reopen with an option for in-person instruction if there is sufficient time remaining in the school year to justify the logistical changes to schedules, routines, and teacher assignments.
3. We will continue to monitor federal and state legislation to evaluate options for additional assistance.

I wish I could be more definitive. We do not control enough of the pieces of this extraordinarily complex puzzle to call all the shots.

Thank you for your forbearance. Godspeed.

s/Clem Lee