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Madeira City Schools Families:

This is an update to our families on our plans for returning to school in January. In conjunction with our Madeira *HealthWatch* Assessment Team and a review of our current health data and key indicators, **our current plan is for ALL schools (Preschool, MES, MMS, & MHS) to be open for students for in-person learning on January 4th.** We will obviously be watching our data and staffing levels throughout the break but our goal is to start on January 4 as scheduled in all of our buildings.

**We are asking ALL families to continue to monitor your symptoms throughout this winter break and to email your child's principal on any positive student test result for COVID-19. Please put in the subject line: "Positive COVID Case".**

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We cannot overemphasize the importance of these reminders that will help us to have a great start up in January:

1. Keep monitoring for symptoms and stay home when you are sick.
2. Wear a mask when you are out and about.
3. Wash your hands .... and then wash them again.
4. Keep your distance as best you can with those outside your immediate family.
5. Student mental health is just as important as their physical health. If you need help in supporting emotions of sadness, depression, or anxiety, call the Ohio Careline at 1-800-720-9616. Additional online support resources are available [here](#).
6. Keep our [My Madeira Promise](#) to ourselves, our neighbors, and our friends.

While COVID-19 has taken lots of things away, I hope you won't let it steal your joy this holiday season and that you would agree that we have much to be thankful here in Madeira. We can be thankful for our Madeira students, families, teachers, staff and administrators who together have made the most of this first semester.

Amidst these challenging times, having a heart of gratitude for the many blessings we do have is important. In talking to a student earlier this fall, he shared that the simple things like sitting down for lunch, sharing a handshake, or even having the chance to attend school are things that he will not take for granted anymore. I couldn't agree more. [Gratitude](#) and being thankful to be in Madeira are important take aways that I will have as we end this 2020 year.

May you find JOY and PEACE this holiday season knowing that a new year and new beginnings in 2021 are just around the corner.

Stay safe. Be smart. Go Madeira!

**Kenji Matsudo**, Superintendent  
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