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Dear USD 353 and Wellington Community,

As the new school year approaches, I would like to take a moment to give you the latest update. The reopening plan has been approved by the Board of Education and a summary of the plan can be found [here](#). This document will be on the USD 353 website and updated and adjusted as situations and guidelines change.

I will be meeting with the Sumner County Health Department again on August 24th. We hope at this time to receive guidance on what phase we will be beginning our school year in. We will communicate this information as soon as possible with families (see the reopening plan for information on the phases).

In the meantime, we will continue planning and preparing for all scenarios:

- **A hybrid schedule is being made for all students:** In the event that we do have to start the year or quickly adjust to a hybrid environment, we are currently working on the hybrid schedule for students. This should be complete in the next week and families will be sent their student(s) schedule along with other important information they will need to know. Details on the hybrid schedule are outlined in the school reopening summary referenced above.
- **Remote learning:** Teachers are currently preparing online curriculum for all classes. More information about this will be available in the coming days. Details on expectations for remote learners are in the school reopening summary referenced above.
- **Health and safety guidelines:** In addition to the Governor's mandates on wearing masks, temperature checks before entering the building, and hand washing/sanitizing hourly, the Sumner County Health Department has approved the health and safety precautions that we have put into place. These are outlined in the school reopening summary that is referenced above.
- **The updated school calendar is available on the school website.** Fifteen minutes have been added to each day to ensure we meet our required hours due to the late start.

I appreciate your patience at this time as we are planning, preparing and making decisions based on continuously changing health guidelines. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we prepare for this unprecedented school year.

Sincerely,
Adam Hatfield
Superintendent, USD 353