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Hello Wisconsin Private Schools and Interested Parties,

Please see the information below that was shared by Mike Thompson, Deputy State Superintendent, with district administrators last week.

**DPI Update on Reopening Guidance**

DPI anticipates releasing guidance around returning to school on June 22. The focus of this guidance is to provide considerations for district and school leaders to plan and implement a safe, efficient, and equitable return to school. DPI expects schools to reopen in the fall, but the department also expects changes to school operations to address risk factors to control the spread of COVID-19, the educational needs of students who are not able to return to school due to health concerns, and changing conditions due to the pandemic. It is likely that school districts will need to provide access to remote learning throughout the year to some students in addition to the regular school operation. As a result, DPI's guidance will reflect considerations for both returning to school and once school is underway to help inform your decisions.

In developing this guidance, DPI worked with the Department of Health Services (DHS) and education stakeholders including the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services, Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials, Wisconsin School Boards Association, Wisconsin Education Association Council, and the Cooperative Educational Service Agency Statewide Network.

**Videos Celebrating Class of 2020 and Support for Education**

State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor [congratulated the class of 2020](#) as they graduated during this unprecedented time. Because the usual in-person graduation ceremonies have not been possible, the video also provides the opportunity for several of Wisconsin's valedictorians to share their thoughts and well wishes as their classmates complete their high school careers. State Superintendent Stanford Taylor also [thanks all those who supported student learning](#) during the public health emergency.

Thank you,

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