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Dear Marian Parents and Guardians,

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You may have recently read that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) released the Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools. When this important document was released publicly, our leadership team at Marian began the process of reading and analyzing it in conjunction with the Diocese of Rockford.

The key change in this document is the revised recommendation for social distancing. The ISBE, IDPH, and the Diocese of Rockford now say schools can operate at 3 to 6 feet of social distance in order to provide in-person learning. Please keep in mind that everyone continues to stress that face masks are required and that there must be strict adherence to 6 feet of social distancing maintained when face masks are removed in limited situations, such as when eating lunch.

While this updated guidance does take us closer to achieving our goal to full in-person learning, it should be noted that it does not alleviate all challenges that remain for Marian Central and many other schools. In particular, we must continue to find more space in a few select classrooms and during our lunch periods in order to maintain the social distancing guidelines. Please know that we are encouraged by this new guidance, and we feel confident that modifications and changes can be made to bring all our students back to in-person learning very soon.

Currently, we will continue with our plan to bring our seniors back on Tuesday, April 6th. We will monitor the school and all of our safety protocols daily as the seniors return. **If all goes well, we are looking at bringing all of our students back into our building on Monday, April 19th.**

Students who are currently learning in the full remote model may, of course, continue to do so, and conclude the school year as a remote learner. Also, any family with health/safety concerns in regard to students being back in school for full in-person instruction may end the school year fully remote, after filling out the Request for Remote Online Learning at Home form found on Marian Central's website. It should be noted that if our students return on April 19th, hybrid learning will be eliminated. As always, we will communicate any changes to families with as much notice as possible. My goal is to keep you updated, and in doing so, I wanted to share the possibility of our students returning to five days a week in-person learning on the 19th of April.

Thank you as always for your continued patience and support.

Sincerely,

Mike Shukis
Superintendent