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Dear CTECS parents and guardians,

Thank you for completing our survey about reopening CTECS schools. I appreciate your honest comments and questions, and will address all of your concerns in a follow up communication. As a reminder, the survey was for informational planning purposes only. You will have the opportunity to indicate your official decision to return your student to school once a reopening date is decided.

Based on the survey responses, it is very clear that there are many CTECS families eager to get back to in-person learning as soon as possible. However, there are also families that are hesitant about a full return. We are taking all of your concerns into consideration and working hard to ensure a safe opening for both students and staff, using the new [CDC guidance for schools](#) as a guide.

When we do reopen, families will still have the option to elect full-time distance learning, however, there will no longer be an option of hybrid learning (coming for trades only). Students will still wear masks and social distance to the greatest extent possible. Again, I will send you more detailed information about our reopening plan in a future communication that addresses the health and safety strategies we will be following.

A critical component of a full return is that we have provided all staff the opportunity to be fully vaccinated. This vaccination program is well underway. The rates of COVID infections will also have to remain low.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Jeff Wihbey, Superintendent of Schools