UNION CITY SCHOOLS

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Students, Parents, Faculty, and Staff:

I am excited about getting the 2020-2021 school year started. We will begin the school year on August 17 with students in grades 1 – 12 whose last name begins with $A - L$ attending school on August 17 and 18. Students whose last name begins $M - Z$ will attend on the 19th and 20th. PreK and Kindergarten students will attend those same days at half capacity as determined by the teachers. All PreK and Kindergarten parents should have received a call from their child's teacher telling them which days they need to attend. No students will attend class on August 21.

We are splitting class sizes in half during the first week so that we can maintain social distancing in the classroom and give every student the opportunity to come to class the first week. We know that students need to be in class every day but we must also be safe during this pandemic.

Due to the number of active Covid-19 cases in Obion County, we will be in Level 3 of our reopening plan on August 24. We will be in at least Level 3 until September 11, at which time we will re-evaluate active numbers.

The 4 levels of the reopening plans can be found on our tornadotouch.net website under "Quick Links."

We are doing everything possible to keep all students and teachers safe. Classrooms will be set up for social distancing and all other safety measures put into place so that students can learn safely but not feel like they are in a quarantine type setting. With all that is being done, we are optimistic that we will not have any cases of Covid-19 with our students or teachers, but we do understand that we probably will. I encourage all of us to keep in mind that none of us want Covid-19 and any contact with someone that becomes positive for Covid-19 is never intentional.

We will get through this school year together and be better people for it. Things will always work out. And, as I have told faculty and staff, "Mask your face, not your heart."

Sincerely,

Wesley N. Kennedy

"Excellence...our heritage, our commitment."