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*Dear Clayton School Community:*

*First, allow me to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. It is my sincere hope that, in this upcoming year, we will be able to return to some normalcy. Until then, we must continue to take all the necessary health precautions.*

*The purpose of this communication is to update you on our return-to-school plan. As I stated in my November 18<sup>th</sup> letter to the community, my intentions are to begin to bring students back to school beginning January 19<sup>th</sup>. With that in mind, I am announcing that starting January 19<sup>th</sup>, all preschool, kindergarten, and special needs programs will be returning to a phase 3 early dismissal schedule on a daily basis. The remaining grades (1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>) will return the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>. Grades 1 through 12 will be returning to a hybrid phase 2 learning schedule with students remaining in their blue and gold cohorts. Wednesdays will continue as remote learning days for all 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The building principals will be following up shortly with the details of each building's schedule. Please be reminded that the return days remain flexible and are subject to current health conditions.*

*It is my hope that we can continue to bring additional students back on a daily basis, but this can only happen if we all follow the CDC recommended COVID-19 guidelines. Please keep your children home if they are sick. Remember to wear face coverings, wash your hands, and social distance whenever possible.*

*As always, thank you for your support and flexibility.*

*We remain Clipper Strong!!!!*

*Sincerely yours,*

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