

October 22, 2020

Dear Ms. Angela Smith,

I would like to take a moment to convey my gratitude for how well the Madison School District has addressed staff and student safety during this pandemic. This past summer I had the opportunity to work with you in anticipation of the fall school year at which time we discussed using the Governor's advisory level as a guide to be used in conjunction with the Health District's assessment and consultation.

Upon evaluation of the current COVID-19 cases in Lake County, the age of those cases, and findings from our contact tracing, surveillance, hospital ICU/CCU count, and several other factors; we can confidently recommend that your District may continue to operate with in person learning five days a week with the current protocols you have in place.

Factors such as student performance, personal protective equipment availability, and many other factors go into our assessment and inform our recommendations. Based on the current data available, we do not believe that any changes need to be made to your current operations should the county be identified as RED.

We will continue to work with your District to monitor many of the aforementioned factors on a continual basis in order to protect your students. Thank you for the public health partnership that has grown since the beginning of the pandemic and we applaud the efforts and work that you put into these plans to ensure the students can receive the best educational experience possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions and/or concerns.

Thank you,  
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