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To ALL Parents/Guardians of students attending the following SOWIC Programs:

Early Childhood Program (Channahon 17, Wilmington 209U and Reed Custer 255U locations), Communications and Adaptive Behavior (CAB) Program at Channahon 17, Joseph E Fisher School (JEF), SOWIC Education Center (SEC) at Wilmington High School, Education and Life Skills Programs (ELS) at both Reed Custer Elementary and Wilmington High Schools.

We are looking forward to beginning the 2020-21 school year. By now you have elected either In-Person Instruction or Remote Learning. You will find that our staff have worked very hard over the summer to enhance your child's educational experience for either of these choices.

For those of you that have elected In-Person Instruction, please note that this is obviously a very different school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will require a far greater level of communication than we have experienced in the past to ensure we minimize risks to students and staff. To that end, please remember that all students are required to wear masks at school unless there is a documented medical reason that prevents them from doing so. Parents/Guardians must complete a [Face Covering Accommodation Form](#) AND [Verification of Request](#) (which must be completed by a medical provider) to allow students to be at school without a mask. Any student that comes to school not wearing a mask and for whom the above forms are not completed **WILL NOT** be allowed in school and you will likely be asked to come to school to pick them up.

Secondly, you should carefully review and complete the [COVID-19 Student Self-Certification and Verification Form and Mask Acknowledgement](#). It is absolutely essential that you screen your children daily and refrain from sending them to school with symptoms. Students will not be admitted unless this form is completed. COVID-19 symptoms can in some cases mimic symptoms of a common cold and include:

- o Fever (at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or feeling feverish (chills, sweating)
- o New cough
- o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- o Sore throat
- o Muscle aches or body aches

- o Vomiting or diarrhea
- o New loss of taste or smell
- o Chills
- o Fatigue
- o New or unusual headaches
- o Congestion or runny nose

Unlike in past years, students presenting at school with any of the above symptoms will be immediately isolated from other students and you will be required to pick them up.

While these procedures may seem harsh, please note that we are following Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health Guidelines and have no flexibility but to enforce these requirements.

Lastly, we strongly encourage you to review the entire [SOWIC Reopening Plan](#). In this document you will see further explanation of the procedures we have put in place to minimize risk. You should check the plan often as we anticipate updating it frequently. You should also be aware that each of our member districts have additional requirements relating to reopening schools so we encourage you to review your district of residence websites for more information.

Please contact your SOWIC Administrator or the SOWIC Office, with questions or concerns. Please help us create an environment that is safe for our students and staff.

With Warm Regards,



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MEMBER DISTRICTS:

| CHANNAHON 17 | TROY 30C | LARAWAY 70C | UNION 81 | ROCKDALE 84 |

| BEECHER 200U | ELWOOD 203 | PEOTONE 207U | WILMINGTON 209U | REED-CUSTER 255U |