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To the parents, custodians
and legal guardians of pupils
at schools in Rhineland-Palatinate

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Dear parents,
dear custodians and legal guardians,

Before the Whitsun holidays, we determined the next steps for schools opening up until the summer holidays. Fortunately, since then, the infection rate has developed far more positively than was to be expected at the time of writing on 17 May 2021. On 31 May 2021, the seven-day incidence in Rhineland-Palatinate was 32.31. Only in four district-free cities did the seven-day incidence exceed 50. The incidences have fallen sharply, and throughout society and in working life, further opening steps can be taken at a quick pace.

Against this background, we can also take the planned steps in the school area faster than expected and start classroom teaching a week earlier:

It remains that after the Whitsun holidays, the schools will initially start with alternating lessons in order to prepare hygiene and path concepts as well as, if necessary, testing when all students are present and to be well prepared for every situation. Instead of the second week of alternating classes, face-to-face classes will take place for all grades and years from 14 June 2021 – as is planned in all other German States.



Regular operations in the all-day schools will not resume until 21 June 2021 due to the organization required for this. Until then, emergency supervision will be offered as before.

Moreover, at vocational schools, taking into account the progress in conducting final written exams, from 14 June 2021, alternating lessons will switch to face-to-face teaching. Where face-to-face lessons could make the final written exams difficult under Corona conditions, the schools can decide, on their own responsibility in consultation with the school supervisory board, which classes will remain as alternating lessons.

To whom this may concern,

I am delighted that our schools, our school communities and our families in the State can now return closer to normalcy more quickly than originally planned. For our pupils, who have had to do without so much over the past weeks and months and who have suffered enormously from the pandemic, returning to their class community is incredibly important. For children and adolescents, school is a place of learning, but it also a place of life and social interaction – and it is now a matter of our students being able to experience regular day-to-day life at school for as long as possible before the summer holidays.

Regular testing, which will continue, creates additional security. Our schools have today received an updated test concept that has been coordinated with the experts from the university medical centre. The school community can still decide whether to test in school or at home. It is a good thing that the second vaccinations are progressing and that many teachers have already had them or are about to receive them. And the hygiene measures at our schools are also working.

To whom this may concern,

For you as parents, custodians and legal guardians, the past weeks and months have been an enormous challenge with distance and alternating lessons as well as the



compatibility of family and work. Thank you for your patience, perseverance and commitment.

The task now is to enable our children and young people to have a structured everyday life that is so important for them. They should settle in at their school and once again experience community and togetherness.

I wish you and your children a good start after the holidays and all the best for the remaining weeks of this school year.

Kind regards,

Your

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