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Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

On October 26, 2021, the CDC is considering an emergency use authorization from Pfizer to allow the Pfizer vaccine to be used in children ages 5-11. The FDA has signaled it would make a decision by October 31, 2021. All indications are both entities will approve this request. The State of Vermont is gearing up for being able to vaccinate children in this age group and has indicated that it hopes to have vaccinations and clinics available as early as the first week in November. This is all great news for Grand Isle County schools because this would mean all of our students in kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible to be vaccinated. This helps all of our classrooms to be safer learning environments and means that when a student is identified as a close contact there is not a requirement to quarantine (unless they have symptoms). I'll keep the community updated and hope parents will consider vaccinating their children when that option is available.

A Conversation with Dr. Althoff Corrected Link

At last week's community meeting, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Folsom parent Rob Althoff, MD, PhD joined the community meeting and answered questions asked by the audience. I apologize for the link in last week's letter; it went to an earlier presentation by Dr. Althoff. The actual recording is available [here](#).

Community Meeting

The access to the Superintendent's weekly Community Meeting is available below. I will be talking about testing and vaccinations. As always, questions are welcome!

Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m

Join with Google Meet meet.google.com/yzd-szwo-tqi

Join by phone (US) +1 573-349-3062 PIN: 810 989 343#

Thank you for helping to ensure that all members of the GISU learning community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever changing world.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark

Grand Isle Supervisory Union
Superintendent