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## A New School Year with New Opportunities

Dear Students and Families,

On behalf of the staff at Teachwell, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year.

At Teachwell Strive, we seek to equip students with college readiness skills and to cultivate a passion that helps students pursue a meaningful career. Our special education teachers and success coaches provide individual support, instruction and coaching as students complete college coursework, learn self-advocacy, and participate in internship opportunities.

We are extremely excited to start the school year and welcome our new students into this one-of-a-kind program. Southeast Technical Institute will welcome students on campus for classes, and the remainder of the school day will be spent at Teachwell or student worksites.

Team Teachwell is eager to welcome your students on **August 23** at 8:00 am. Each day will start and end at the Teachwell building, located at 715 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Sioux Falls unless alternate transportation has been arranged with Teachwell staff. Teachwell will provide transportation during the day, and students must be picked up from Teachwell by 3:00 pm.

## Starting Well and Staying Well

All persons entering Teachwell buildings will be required to either:

- 1. Provide proof of full vaccination (2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson with at least 2 weeks passing since the final dose); or
- 2. Wear a face covering over nose and mouth.

## **Contact Your School About Transportation**

Transportation to and from the Teachwell building is either handled by families or your local school district. If the school is providing transportation, please contact them to confirm morning/afternoon drop-off and pick-up times

## **Back-to-School Reminders**

- Students should begin the school year in work-ready attire.
- Students must bring their Southeast Tech student ID each day.
- Students should practice personal hygiene skills.
- Students should bring a lunch from home. However, the Teachwell kitchen is equipped with appliances a typical home would have for small meal preparation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 605-261-3303 or janae.sturma@teachwell.org