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Hello Parents and Guardians.

Last night at the monthly School Board meeting, the Board approved our COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan or the Return to Learn Plan.

Our first day of school is set for Tuesday, September 1st. So we are starting BEFORE Labor Day. It will be a 3 day week and a good way to ease into the new school year with all the "newness" this year will bring.

A few key highlights:

#### The Plan

Our plan revolves around the safety of our students and staff as we return to learn this fall. Cleaning and disinfecting will be a consistent focus of what we'll be doing when we get back into the buildings. Handwashing often and in the proper fashion will also be key in helping to keep everyone safe. A review with your student, no matter the age, of how to properly wash hands before September rolls around would be a good use of time.

#### Facial Coverings

As we look to combat the coronavirus and keep it at bay, we had to decide how much of a role facial coverings/masks would play in our efforts. It was determined that to help keep our students, staff, families and community as safe as possible, we will be requiring facial coverings preK-12 for those that can medically tolerate them. They won't need to be worn when eating or when they are outside. We understand that it will be a challenge with younger children especially preK-2 but we will do the best that we can. In middle school and high school we have made them part of the dress code. We will encourage outdoor classes when feasible and occasional outside breaks. All staff will wear them while in the buildings except when they are eating or when they are alone in their classroom. Masks will be available at the school if a student doesn't have their own.

#### Transportation

We will still be offering busing for our students. Facial coverings will be required to ride the bus. Students will end up with assigned seats and members of the same household will be seated together. Masks will be available on the bus if a student does not have one. If you know that you will be self-transporting your student(s), please notify the appropriate office.

## Instruction

We are excited to have our students back face to face. However, if you are not quite ready to send your child back to school we will have some options for all students grades preK-12. Details will be sent out very soon so be on the lookout for that along with more general information.

A lot has been done with a lot left to do in the remaining weeks of summer. Thanks for all of your input and support. It's appreciated more than you know. We look at all of this as temporary and will do what we need to do until we can get back to complete normalcy. Continue to enjoy the beautiful summer weather we have been given. Take care and stay safe!

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