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Dear Old Fort Families,

As we approach the start of the school year, I know there are increasing questions about how Old Fort Local Schools will handle COVID related issues this year, not the least of which is masks. We have collaborated with other school districts and conferred with local and state authorities on these issues to make sensible decisions regarding protocols for OFLS.

I recognize that there continues to be various perspectives among all of us about these topics, and we will ultimately strive to make the best decisions that are right for our district. Old Fort's protocols for a few of the more prominent items will be as follows:

- We welcome guests, parents and athletic spectators to both campuses, and we appreciate your support.
- Masks will not be mandatory. Masks will be optional for any staff or students who choose to wear them, and we will respect each individual's/family's decision on this.
- We will attempt to maintain social distancing whenever possible.
- We will be diligent about routine cleaning protocols and sanitation of high touch areas.
- Teachers will encourage hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.
- We will confer with our local health department regarding quarantines.
- We can reconsider our stance if conditions worsen throughout the school year.

Please remember that plans must remain fluid, as always. The above protocols, while based on COVID statistics impacting school aged children and present conditions, may be altered as the year unfolds with changing needs. I also understand and respect that our collective goal is to return to normalcy, while maintaining health and safety. I assure you that we will strive to make logical and responsible decisions, always focused on what's best for kids. Thank you!

With Children at Heart,



Mrs. Laura F. Bryant
Superintendent