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Cozad High School Parents and Students,

The 2020-2021 school year is about to begin and I want you to know how much the staff and I have missed our students we look forward to serving them. The school year begins for students on August 19, 2020. In this letter you will find a general list of protocols we are following to keep your student and our staff safe as we journey through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please know that we have made every effort to provide you with accurate and up-to-date information, however understand that changes of information will occur as we are notified. As we have learned our plans can change quickly with very little notice. Some protocols may seem to contradict other guidelines. The majority of this is due to differing sources of information that we have to adhere to. In the end, we are trying to err on the side of caution for our students and staff.

Orientation – We will have an orientation time for incoming freshmen and new students on August 17th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The format will be different than in the past due to some of the restrictions that have to be in place. Students may come during that time period to get their schedule, tour the building to locate classes, and place things in their lockers.

First Day of School – Our first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 19th. A boxed breakfast will be served. One of the differences for the High School will be that doors will not open until 7:30 a.m. and classes will start at 8:10 a.m.

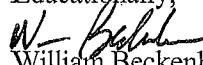
If there is a need for the parent or student to meet with a staff member or counselor during the year, you will need to call the school and make an appointment.

All Covid-19 updates will be posted on the district web site, you should click on the “Covid Update” to access district information.

Protocols at school:

- *Only the main east and west door will be open in the mornings for students to enter the building.
- *Breakfast and lunch will be a boxed option only for the start of the school year.
- *All students will have their temperature checked upon entering the building and provided hand sanitizer to clean hands. Students with a fever will be isolated, checked again in 5-15 minutes and sent home if they continue to exhibit a fever. Students with temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over will be sent home.
- *Please, do not send your student to school if they do not feel well or exhibit a temperature at home before the school day starts.
- *Students leaving for appointments, or lunch during the school day must check in at the office upon returning to school. We will again check their temperature in the office.
- *At this time, students are encourage to wear masks at school, however this in not required. If your student is at-risk, or has an underlying health condition, please let us know and we will help your student wear a mask at school.
- *If you need to meet with your student’s teacher or other school personnel, please call the school and arrange an appointment.
- *The school facility will receive more frequent cleaning, including classrooms, bathrooms, and the cafeteria.
- *Students will be encouraged to social distance whenever possible.
- *Students may have clear water bottles at school, but will need to keep them in their lockers. Water fountains will be shut off in the hallways. We have two bottle re-fill stations in the building.

Educationally,


William Beckenhauer

Principal, Cozad High School