

Dear Cozad Middle School Parents,

As we approach the start of the school year, I am very excited to work with your children. It will take the effort of all of us to make this year as smooth as possible. We will do everything we can to make sure this is a great year for the students of COZAD! The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. every day and classes will start at 8:05 a.m. Only the West MS doors will be open in the mornings for students to enter the building. Please consider this when dropping off students. Middle School students that ride with High School students need to be dropped off at the MS West doors first. Parents that need to enter the school or meet with a staff member will need to call the school and make an appointment. All students will have their temperature checked upon entering and will be 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 temperatures of 100° F 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 will be taught and encouraged to social distance and we will try to prevent/minimize contact between students of different grade levels. Breakfast and lunch will be a boxed option only for the start of the school year. Water bottles can be stored in their lockers and used between classes. Please know that we have made every effort to provide you accurate and up-to-date information, however changes in information we receive force us to change our plans, sometimes with very little notice. We will update our procedures as the situation warrants. **You can find all of the Cozad Schools return to school documents and UPDATES at the top of our school website.** Below is a Quick View list of the return to school protocol.

### **Cozad Community Schools Return to School Plan Quick View**

***Listed below are the specific precautions and procedures that will be followed as we start school on August 19th as scheduled***

- Students and Staff will be attending school in person.
- Visitors need to call the school and schedule a time and it is recommended to wear a face mask when entering the building.
- Teachers will deliver instruction face-to-face, on-line, and a hybrid all while students are physically attending school.
- Personal Protective equipment will be optional for students and staff to wear but may become mandatory. Students are recommended to bring a face covering to school to use as needed or as directed by school personnel.
- Student seating in classrooms will be socially distanced as best as possible.
- Cleaning and safety procedures will be in place to slow the spread of viruses. High traffic areas, lunchrooms, and hallways will be cleaned with food-grade

hydrostatic sprayers. Plexiglass barriers will be used in offices, lunchrooms, and other high use areas as needed. Cleaning procedures will be conducted by staff throughout school days.

- To start the school year boxed meals will be served as per guidance from OPAA!
- Upon entry and at lunch, temperature and wellness checks will be done on students and staff.
- Hand sanitizing will be required upon entry in the school, at lunch, and as people enter classrooms.
- Students will be expected to follow the classroom rules of their teachers to practice appropriate safety practices.
- Bus riders are recommended to wear face coverings and will practice distancing as best as possible.

**\*\*CHANGES\*\*UPDATED\*\*6<sup>th</sup> Grade and New Student Orientation and Middle School schedules/paperwork pick-up and getting into lockers**

Below you will find the procedures and times allowed for middle school students to pick-up their schedules, paperwork and get in their lockers. Students will only be allowed in the school building one time during that day.

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>- 1:00-4:00 PM-** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students ONLY- no parents allowed.

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>- 1:00-4:00 PM-** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students ONLY- no parents allowed.

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>- 1:00-7:00 PM-** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, NEW students and parents are allowed.

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>- 1:00-4:00 PM-** Any student that did not make their scheduled time will be allowed.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Brian Regelin, Middle School Principal