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Parents and Community Members,

I want to thank the staff for their hard work and preparations for the students to get back to work. We are all looking forward to welcoming your students back into our building. I want to take a few minutes to share some of the expectations that we have for students in our effort to keep everyone safe and healthy throughout the school year. Please assist us in reviewing these matters with your student so that they know what to expect when they return to school.

We know that the following to be proven ways to add additional protection from the virus for individuals:

- Wear a mask.
- Practice proper social distancing. Six feet is optimal, however, three feet is good.
- Proper hand hygiene - washing and sanitizing often.
- Refrain from touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and sanitize surfaces.

Health Screening - Staying healthy starts at home:

- ***It is critically important that if your child is sick please keep them home. There are several symptoms presented by COVID-19.***
 - **Symptoms include: Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea**
- ***If your child is exhibiting any of these symptoms, please keep them home.*** If your child can answer no to the following questions, they may return to school after being symptom free for 24 hours without medication:
 - Have you been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 recently? (Close contact is being within 6 feet of someone for more than 15 minutes.)
 - Do you live in an area with a high transmission rate (red area)?
 - Have you traveled to an area that is considered a hot spot by the Department of Health?
- If your child becomes ill at school, the School Nurse will assess their symptoms and they will be escorted to an area of isolation and remain with a staff member until someone is able to pick them up. Ill children, or those exhibiting symptoms, will not be transported on a school bus.
- Temperature screening will be conducted for students entering the building. Any child who has a temperature of 100 or higher using an infrared thermometer will have their temperature rechecked. If their temperature remains above 100, the nurse will be contacted.
- We need parents to cooperate with the school during this time in keeping sick students home and assisting in picking up ill children in a timely manner. It is our goal to keep all students and staff healthy and to be able to keep the school open for in person instruction.

Masks:

- All students and staff will be required to wear masks.
- Cloth masks or facial covering are acceptable as are disposable masks.
- The following are allowable exceptions per the August 13, 2020 Health Director's Order. Please provide a medical note from a doctor if your child needs a mask exemption taken.:
 - An individual has a medical condition including respiratory conditions that restricts breathing, mental health conditions, or a disability that contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering: or
 - The individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or has another disability, where an accommodation is appropriate or necessary.
- All staff members will be wearing masks while at school.
- All Visitors will be required to wear a mask.
- Students will be required to wear masks while riding the school bus.

Water Bottle: Students will be permitted to carry a refillable water bottle with them during the day. There will be no community water fountains, bottle fillers will be utilized.

Student Pick Up (other than the end of the day): If you need to pick up your child during the day, outside of the end of the day pick up, please call the school office and your child will be sent outside. We will escort and/or confirm that the parent or designee is picking up the child and sign the child out of school.

Visitors: At this time we are only permitting essential visitors into the buildings. These visitors must be wearing a mask.

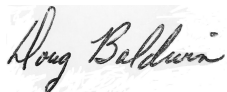
Bus Transportation: The following precautions will be in place to keep our students safe and healthy while riding a bus:

- All students will be required to wear a mask.
- Students will have assigned seats and a seating chart will be kept.
- Buses will be sanitized after each route.
- New or additional students will not be boarding a bus and sitting in a seat that has been used and not yet sanitized.

In the event that there is a positive case of COVID-19 within our school, we will work closely with the Health Department to determine close contacts and they will handle notification of individuals that need to quarantine. According to the Health Department close contact is defined by being within 6 feet of another individual for a minimum of 15 minutes.

Remember that we are all in this together and that our primary goal is the health and safety of your child. If we all remember to "Back Up, Mask Up, and Wash Up" we will be on our way to instilling healthy habits with our children.

Sincerely,



Doug Baldwin

