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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The K-5 administrative team is looking forward to our “Return to Learn” this fall. We have worked throughout the summer to create educational opportunities for all K-5 students through both in-person learning and distance learning. Our first priority is to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

In order to provide transparency regarding our protocols and expectations for in-person learning in grades K-5, we have addressed commonly asked questions below. This detailed information will assist you and your child as you prepare for in-person learning for the 2020-2021 school year.

Q: *Will my student be required to wear a mask during arrival and dismissal?*

A: Yes. Students will be required to wear a mask as they enter the school building each day as well as during dismissal procedures at the end of the day. This is because we need students to be safe until each student is in his/her consistent, stable classroom environment in the morning and as we move to different locations for parent pick-up, bus-rider pick-up, and dismissal of walkers/bike riders in the afternoon.

Q: *Will students eat breakfast in the cafeteria?*

A: CES students will report directly to their classrooms in the morning, and breakfast will be delivered to classrooms for the students. Field and Dewey students will eat breakfast in the cafeteria. Students must leave masks on until they reach their assigned table based on their consistent, stable classroom group. Tables will be sanitized between lunch groups/shifts.

Q: *Are there times my student might have to wear a mask during the school day?*

A: Yes. CES, Field, and Dewey students may have to wear masks during the school day when not able to physically distance or if not behind a clear, plastic space/table divider.

Q: *Will teachers be required to wear a mask?*

A: Yes. All teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, and administrators will be required to wear a mask. Teachers may remove their masks if they are separated from a child by a clear, plastic table divider during small group work. Teachers may also remove their masks if they are more than six-feet away from the students during the day, such as outside at recess duty.

Q: *Does my child need to bring his/her own mask?*

A: Please send one mask/face shield to school with your child each day or have your child wear a neck gaiter each day that can function as a face mask if needed during the school day.

Q: *Will my child have a safe, personal space to work in his/her classroom?*

A: Yes. All students will have a stable, consistent seat in the classroom as well as a clear, plastic table divider to provide each student with a safe, personal space.

Q: *Will you have cleaning protocols in place in the classroom?*

A: Yes. Students and teachers will use hand sanitizer before and after they rotate to a station, before and after recess, and before and after lunch. Washing hands and using hand sanitizer will be a part of

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our daily routine! In addition, all tables and materials will be sanitized between rotations and again at the end of each day.

Q: *Will my student have an individually assigned device/iPad/Chromebook?*

A: Yes. Each student will have an iPad/Chromebook checked out to him/her through Destiny. The student will only use his/her assigned iPad/Chromebook in the classroom. If your child has to quarantine due to COVID contact tracing or a COVID positive test, we will send the device home with the student or have the parent/guardian pick up the device from school so the student may continue to learn through our distance learning environment during that time.

Q: *Will students be able to use the mouthpiece on the water fountains at school?*

A: No. Students will not be able to use the mouthpiece on the water fountains at school. Instead, each student will use a personal water bottle. The lids and bottles on each personal water bottle will be labeled. Each student will be provided a water bottle; however, students may bring their own water bottles to use daily.

Q: *Will students eat lunch in the cafeteria?*

A: Yes. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria. Students will be divided into two shifts in each building with classroom tables at least six-feet from each other. Students will be required to stay with their stable, consistent classroom group, which will remain six-feet from other groups. CES students must sit at the assigned table/seat each day. Field and Dewey students will be required to wear masks in the cafeteria until seated to eat. Tables will be sanitized between lunch groups/shifts.

Q: *Will students have to wear masks at recess?*

A: No. Students will not have to wear masks during recess. Each grade level will have two rotations for each recess in order to limit the number of students at recess at one time. In addition, students will use hand sanitizer or wash their hands before and after recess. All recess equipment, such as balls, jump ropes, swings, handrails, climbing walls, etc. will be sprayed with disinfectant between recess rotations.

Q: *Will parents/guardians be able to eat lunch at school with their child?*

A: No. District policy during this time prohibits any visitors from entering the school building during the school day. This includes during lunch time and recess time. This is to reduce additional exposure and protect our students and our teachers.

Q: *Will parents/guardians be able to attend special events like birthday parties, holiday parties, and other special events?*

A: No. District policy during this time prohibits any visitors from entering the school building during the school day. This is to reduce additional exposure and protect our students and our teachers. Parents may send pre-packaged snacks for birthday parties, holiday parties, etc.

Q: *If I need to drop-off my child after school begins or pick-up my child before the end of the school day, what protocols do I need to follow?*

A: Parents/guardians will need to come to the front doors with their child or to get their child. Parents/guardians will be required to wear a mask before they will be allowed into the building's office to sign their child in/out for the day. If the parent does not have a mask, each building will have a few paper, disposable masks at the door for emergency use.

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Q: *What if my child is showing COVID symptoms, such as a fever over 100.3, runny nose, congestion, new headache, body aches, loss of taste and/or smell, or chills?*

A: Please do not send your child to school if your child is exhibiting COVID symptoms. Our first priority is the health of your child as well as the other children in our building and our faculty/staff. Please call the office to let us know your child will not be at school and share the symptoms with us.

Q: *How long does my child need to be fever free without fever-reducing medication before I can send my child back to school?*

A: We ask that your child be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication for at least 48 hours before you return your child to school.

Q: *What if my child suffers allergies, chronic illnesses, etc, that may have symptoms similar to COVID-19? Do I need to have them tested every time they miss school?*

A: We ask that you do not send your child to school unless they are symptom free for 48 hours without the aid of fever-reducer. If the child continues to have symptoms, or they have symptoms and they have been in contact with a positive COVID-19 person, then the District does ask for the test to be administered. If you choose not to have a test administered, then we request a doctor's note stating it is appropriate for your child to return to school.

Q: *Will the school be taking temperatures of each child upon arrival at school.*

A: No. We are asking that parents help us by checking their child for symptoms each day before sending him/her to school. However, if a classroom teacher suspects one or more of the COVID symptoms listed above, the teacher will send the child to the nurse's office for evaluation. If the child is exhibiting one or more of the symptoms listed, the school will contact you so that your child can return home until they are symptom free.

Q: *What if my child has to quarantine for 10-14 days due to contact tracing outside of school or in the school or my child is COVID positive?*

A: Please call the school and let our administrative assistants know that your child will be out of school for an extended time due to quarantine or a COVID positive test. The building administrator will work with you to transition your student to our distance learning instructional environment to work with our distance learning teachers during this time. This will ensure a fluid transition for your child from their regular classroom teacher to the distance learning teacher so that your child may continue learning with direct instruction and intervention support. When your child is cleared from quarantine or cleared to return to school, administrators and the Livingston County Health Department will work with you to schedule a return to their regular classroom teacher and still be on track for learning.

Q: *What if my child's entire classroom has to quarantine for 10-14 days due to contact tracing or a COVID positive case in the classroom?*

A: Parents/guardians will be notified that their child's classroom will need to quarantine for 10-14 days. The building administrator will work with you to transition your student to our distance learning environment. In this instance, the classroom teacher will transition to the distance learning teacher for the entire class. This will ensure a fluid transition for all of the students in the classroom so that we can continue direct instruction and intervention support. When your child is cleared from quarantine, he/she will return to school with their regular classroom teacher and still be on track for learning.

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Q: *What do I do if my child has a positive test result after regular school hours?*

A: Please contact the school at the beginning of the next school day.