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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying some final special moments with your child before they return to school. With the state regulations due to COVID-19, things will obviously look very different at school this year. The intention of this letter is to inform you of a few of the important changes that will directly impact you and your child as students return to the building. The biggest change you are already aware of is that we are required to wear masks in school and maintain a physical distance of 6ft from one another. Remember that masks may not have words or images on them.

Some other changes you should be aware of are in regard to the morning routine. At the beginning of each day before students arrive, parents will need to screen their child for COVID and keep them home if they are not feeling well. Mrs. Tentinger our nurse will be providing the screening protocol in a separate message later this week. If your child rides the bus, they will need to wear their mask on the bus. Also new this year, students will not be allowed in the building until 7:45 -district wide- so please plan accordingly. When students enter the building they can go to their locker to gather/drop off their things then they will need to wash or sanitize their hands and report directly to their first block class. If they need to eat breakfast they can do so as normal, otherwise all students will need to report directly to their classes. Students will not be allowed to hang out in the hallways before class in the mornings. Students will also be allowed to keep their backpacks with them this year to help facilitate faster transitions between classes and less time at lockers and in the hallway.

There are also a few new office procedures I would like to share. Parents will not be allowed in the building this year except in the case of scheduled appointments (these must be deemed "essential") or emergencies. If you are coming to pick up your child, you will ring the door bell and our administrative assistant will ask you to wait in the entry while we send your student down. In the event you need to drop something off for your child, we will ask you to leave it in the entry, and we will get it to them. The rationale for these changes is to keep fewer people from entering the building and ultimately keep everyone safe.

While the times may be uncertain, and there will inevitably be more changes along the way, one thing you can be assured of is that we will do everything in our power to keep your child safe and learning. I don't think anyone believes it is going to be an easy year, but if we focus on the positive things (like starting the year with all the students in the building, being able to have some activities, etc.) it will help our perspective and ultimately the climate of our school and community environment. Thank you for your understanding and support of our district during these challenging days.

Sincerely,

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