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Back to School Plan

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First, thank you all for a successful completion of the all-virtual Extended School Year program, a first in the 74 year history of our organization. I hope that you are able to take some time to relax before the start of the new school year.

Our team has been continuing preparations for the return to in-person instruction on Thursday, September 3. At this time approximately 60% of our students are planning to return to the school building, while the remaining 40% will continue virtual instruction. Like Governor Murphy and the Commissioner of Education have stated, "there is no one size fits all approach." We'll continue to listen, learn and act accordingly but it will take cooperation and flexibility from everyone. Whether you plan on sending your child back to school or plan to continue instruction at home, please remember to notify both our school and the case manager of your local district.

All families will be receiving our Back to School Folders for the 2020-2021 school year. Please review, complete, and return all forms as soon as possible as this helps with our operations and communication with you.

For our 42 families that have stated they will be sending their child back to school, you should have received a phone call from our school staff explaining our new procedures. Please contact the school if you have additional questions or concerns. **You must complete and return the attached COVID-19 Screening Form on the first day of school. We will be strictly enforcing our illness policy for both students and staff.**

As previously stated, the 3 most important rules of reopening are:

1. If students/staff are sick or have symptoms do not come to school (and notify the school nurse)
2. If students/staff come to school and are screened to be sick or have symptoms/fever they will be sent home
3. Anyone who clears steps 1 & 2 and enters the building will strictly follow our health and safety procedures to reduce transmission of illness

Please note the following additional information regarding the restart:

In-Person Instruction:

- **Signed COVID-19 Screening Form must be received on the first day of school**
- Your student's teacher will contact you with the classroom schedule
- If a student is sick and will not be participating for that day, please notify the school
- *For students with private nurses* – nurses will be screened prior to entering the building and are responsible for providing their own personal PPE

Virtual Instruction:

- 4 hours of instruction will be provided daily; a detailed schedule will be provided before the first day of school
- Daily grade appropriate virtual instruction may be provided by various teachers
- Levels of participation in virtual instruction will continue to be documented and shared with your local school district
- If a student is sick or will not be participating for that day, please notify the school

This school year will be unique and have its challenges, but we must continue to work together and take personal responsibility to achieve success. I speak for myself and our staff when I say that we are excited for the upcoming year and look forward to reopening.

Stay safe,

Keith Rygiel
Principal