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*Superintendent*

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Dear MCTS Parents/Families and Staff,

Our district pandemic teams have been very busy preparing for our safe return to the district, with a watchful eye to county data in recent days. We are now prepared to return our shared-time students to on-site hybrid classes starting November 9, 2020. However, our Academy programs will not return onsite until November 30, 2020 due to challenging logistical issues. More Academy information will be provided by your Principals shortly. Academy staff and Administration are preparing for creative ways to deliver hands-on activities and on site events in a healthy way.

For those shared-time students returning on site, here are the new-normal behaviors we want you to practice now, prior to your return to class.

**Daily Temperature Checks:** We are asking each student and staff member to take their temperature before they get dressed for school or work every day. For those of you with a cell phone, we will ask you to complete a daily health questionnaire online. Please note anyone with a fever of 100° or higher must stay home. Contact your doctor if you have a fever or experience symptoms related to COVID-19. A high temperature is one of the indicators associated with this illness and it is recommended you call your doctor for advice. If you are sick, you will need a doctor's note to return to school, assuring our school nurses that you have received the care associated with COVID-19.

**Remember your mask.** We will be wearing "all masks - all the time"; on the bus and at school, so you will need to bring more than one mask to school in your backpack/briefcase. Put the extra masks in a paper/zip-lock bag, for tech school and for emergencies. Wear three-ply cloth masks that can be washed at the end of every day with the clothes/uniform you wore to school. Students, as you may have already experienced, you will have to wear masks on your bus and will be sitting apart from your friends. The bus company driver will also be wearing a mask so everyone can protect themselves and each other. For students that drive, keep extra masks in your car, hand wipes/sanitizer, and after school place your mask in a paper bag. Staff and students, if you require a medical exemption for mask wearing, please submit that information to your building principal and school nurse now for further instructions and discussion. Start practicing this activity now, wearing masks at home and everywhere you go!

Staff and Students will proceed from the car/bus directly to class, for a temperature check at the door. If anyone feels feverish or determines other COVID-19 symptoms are present, we have separate rooms to isolate staff and students until they are picked up by family or emergency contacts. This year we are asking everyone to identify four (4) emergency individuals who can pick up a student/staff member within 90 minutes of a nurse's phone call.

Finally, it is assumed that this virus will be with us through the 2020-2021 school year. Please check the district website as classes may go on and off line as the Department of Health instructs. We will also continue our district automated phone calls for emergent issues.

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We know our school and family activities will look very different from what we all experienced in recent times. Please be hopeful, and know that we will create new events, while we go through this season together as a school family. While we will require you to wear masks at school, we are extending our concerns and ask you to be extra careful in your out-of-school activities and at your family gatherings. If we all remember to wear our masks and stay six (6) feet apart everywhere we go, our school will become a safe haven for all of us. Please help us protect our school family, while we all patiently wait for a cure.

With a little creativity and mindfulness, we will have a very fun-filled and healthy school year!

Sincerely,



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Superintendent

