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Superintendent

October 7, 2020

Dear MCSSSD Parents/Guardians,

Our district pandemic teams have been very busy preparing for our safe return to MCSSSD. We thank you for your patience while we prepare for the transition to our hybrid schedule. Here are some items we want you to review and practice now, prior to our return November 9, 2020:

We are asking each student to conduct daily temperature checks. Students should take their temperature every day before they get dressed for school. Everyone who will be entering school buildings will be required to complete a daily COVID-19 questionnaire prior to leaving for school. For those of you with a cell phone, we will ask you to record the answers to the questions via the QR code or link. Those without access to the online questionnaire will be given a paper supply of the daily health checklist to be returned each day in their backpacks. This form is to be completed and returned to their homeroom teacher every day. 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 of this illness and it is recommended you call your doctor. You will need a doctor's note to return to school, assuring our school nurses that you have received the care associated with this COVID-19 symptom. Please start practicing taking temperatures now, every morning!

Once you have registered a normal temperature, it is time to get ready for school. Remember your mask. We will be wearing "all masks - all the time"; on the bus, and at school, so you may need to bring more than one of your masks to school in your backpack. Put the extra mask in a paper/zip-lock bag, for emergencies. Wear three-ply cloth masks that can be washed at the end of every day with the clothes you wore to school. Students, you will have to wear masks on the bus and will be sitting apart from your friends. The bus company driver and aide will also be wearing masks so everyone can protect themselves. Students requiring a medical exemption for mask wearing, please submit that information to your sending district for your IEP and the transportation department for further instructions and discussion. Start practicing this activity now, wearing masks at home and everywhere you go!

Anyone who arrives at school without a completed questionnaire will be directed to visit an area outside the nurse's office for a temperature check. Assuming you have a normal temperature, you will proceed to class. If a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms are present, we have a separate room to isolate students until they are picked up by a parent or guardian or an emergency contact. This year we are asking everyone to identify two (2) emergency contacts, in addition to parents or guardians, who can pick up your student within ninety (90) minutes of a nurse's phone call. Our school nurses and building administrators will immediately begin contact tracing and contacting those who have been in contact with the virus.

Lunches will also be different this year. Students will be eating in their classrooms as described in our reopening plan. Meals will be ordered and delivered to classrooms when on-site, and further directions regarding off-site meals will be sent shortly.

Finally, it is assumed that this virus will be with us through the 2020-2021 school year. Unfortunately, our school and family activities will look very different from what we all experienced in recent times. 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 and stay a very safe place 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, together we will have a very fun-filled and healthy school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly J. Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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