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Hello Rosholt Parents:

With school re-starting in a little less than two weeks, we want all of you to be up-to-date with our protocols. To that end, we have created a Frequently Asked Question list for your review. We will continue adding to this list as we determine other questions.

1. Can I decide to move my child from in-person to at home or vice versa?
 - a. Yes, we will allow fluidity between learning/participation models.
2. What do I do if/when I want to move my child from in person to at home or vice versa?
 - a. Please contact the school principal (Jim Grygleski or Mary Cline) to set up a date for that change to take place. If your student needs busing, there may be a few days delay while the route is changed to accommodate a new rider. If at all possible, any changes in participation model would start on a Monday.
 - b. Our office has to mail materials out on Thursday at 10am to ensure they are delivered on or before Saturday for the following week. Knowing a child is going virtual by the end of day Wednesday to allow for collection, copying and mailing would be ideal.
3. How much notice would I need to give before switching my children to the other option?
 - a. Ideally, we would like to change between options at the start of a week so your child does not miss instructional time, but we understand that with COVID-19, adjustments may have to be made more quickly than that.
4. What does at home learning look like?
 - a. Students can participate virtually much in the same as how Spring operated. Gr. 3-12 teachers will be using Google Classroom as our learning management system. We're using Seesaw as a learning management system for 4K through gr. 2 (it's more user friendly for younger children). We'll continue to also send hard copy work home as well. Teachers will have set times where students at home can collaborate online with their school-based peers. Teachers may put video online, too, that model instruction (mini-lessons).
5. Will there be a back-to-school night where we can view our childrens' classrooms to see what their teachers have done to ensure everyone's safety?
 - a. 4K-6th grade Meet Your Teacher night is scheduled for August 27 from 4-7pm. We have increased the time of this event to reduce the amount of people in the building at one time. There will also be two short 30 minute orientations on the 27th. Seventh grade at 6:00 PM and 9th grade 7:00 PM.
6. Where it is not feasible to separate students by 6 feet, what is being done to ensure the safety of the students? Are barriers of any type being implemented?
 - a. In the classroom, teachers are creating as much physical distance as possible.
 - b. Speech pathologists will have plexiglass barriers for their therapy sessions.
 - c. We are adding cafeteria space by converting the elementary school gymnasium (school day only, it's still available after school for athletics) into a cafeteria and adding tables to the high school commons.

7. Will we be informed if a student, teacher, or administrator in the district tests positive?
 - a. The information we can share is bound by HIPAA so we will only be able to share information that would be deemed non-confidential or of a nature that you(r child), as a parent, would require. We will be maintaining confidentiality as required by law.
8. In the event of a positive test, what sort of procedure will be followed by the rest of the school? Will an entire classroom be required to quarantine for fourteen days if a peer or instructor tests positive given that they would all be close contacts of the positive case?
 - a. We would follow the guidelines of the Portage County Health Department in any case of COVID-19 we would have. Anticipated recommendations would be to have our cohort groups quarantine.
9. What will busing look like to and from school?
 - a. The number of students taking our buses to and from school has decreased so that we will be able to have one student per seat, except in a few cases where we may ask siblings to sit together. All students, as well as the driver will be masked as a bus constitutes an enclosed space.
10. Are you cleaning/sanitizing buses?
 - a. Yes, we are sanitizing buses after each route or trip. Thus, each bus will be disinfected after the morning route and after the evening route, plus after any trip.
11. How will you be cleaning the classrooms?
 - a. We will be cleaning after each group of students leaves a space. We are using a spray disinfectant that dries after approximately 2-minutes. Students may be asked to assist with disinfecting. We will provide them with training prior to assisting with this task. Students will not be handling any cleaner that would be stronger than anything utilized at homes.
 - b. We will be wiping down all classroom flat (horizontal) surfaces each night, as well as high-use items (such as door knobs, pencil sharpeners, faucets, etc.).
12. How will your health office operate this school year?
 - a. We are expanding our health office into what was previously our elementary school office, hence why all office-related student inquiries will be going through the middle-high school office this year. The expanded health office will be staffed by Ms. Cherek, our elementary school secretary, as well as our nurse, Ms. Beranek.
 - b. By expanding our health office, we are able to provide an isolation room for any sick children that is fully supervised. The isolation room will be disinfected after being used by a sick child.
13. What are your plans regarding temperature scanning?
 - a. Earlier, we had announced that we would be scanning student temperatures upon entry to the school building. We are reversing this decision as the [CDC no longer recommends this practice as part of universal symptom screening](#). Thus, your child will not have their temperature screened when they arrive at school. Instead, we ask that parents screen their child(ren) at home.
14. Will my child be required to wear a mask when at school?
 - a. Per the mandate issued by our state's governor on July 30, 2020, all people age 5 years and older are required to wear a mask when in a public building or enclosed space. That means your child is required to wear a mask at a public school. We will continue to teach younger children how to wear masks as this is an adjustment for us all. Should a child or young adult repeatedly refuse to wear a mask, we will inform the family that in-person schooling is not working out well for their student and direct that they move to virtual/home learning participation.

We know that the past 6-months of the COVID-19 pandemic have been a very real challenge and that our families are eager for their children to begin school. It is our highest priority to provide your child with a safe learning environment this fall. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Take care,

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