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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we are about to embark on a new school year, I wanted to provide you with as much information about the new school year as possible. This year will certainly not be typical, but working as a community, I am confident that we will have a safe return to school. Because every school building has a plan based on their needs and conditions, please feel free to reach out to your building principal or me if you have specific questions. There is also a COVID Q and A document on our webpage with additional information.

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the level of preparedness that they have created for our return. Our maintenance department has prepared our buildings for the return of students and has also undergone training for increased cleaning processes once the students return. Our teaching staff has already spent countless hours rearranging their classrooms to create the greatest amount of social distancing possible for the students. If you have driven by any of our buildings this summer, I am sure you have noticed countless teachers' cars in the parking lots preparing for this school year. We could not have asked for more dedication than we have received.

As required by the Governor, masks or face shields are required to be worn by all students and staff members. Masks can be removed during mask breaks where six feet of social distancing can occur and at the discretion of the teacher. As we move through the process, I believe that our students will be comfortable with both the number and frequency of mask breaks.

As part of our Board approved "Health and Safety Plan," we are not allowing visitors into our buildings. For our students' safety, we will also not be allowing parents to walk their children to their classroom. We ask that you wish your children well before reaching the main entrance doors and allow them to enter by themselves.

On all levels, dismissal times for students who walk or are picked up by parents will be altered by a few minutes to avoid large groups of students being dismissed. The elementary building principals will be providing additional information that includes specific times of dismissal. For high school students, all dismissal information can be found on the parent portal of Sapphire. We ask if you are picking up your child to not congregate at the exit doors.

We are asking parents to support us by performing a wellness check on your children before sending them to school. On our website, you can find a tool to use to conduct your child's wellness check. If you have any doubt about your child's health, please keep them home and contact your doctor. We have adapted our attendance policies to account for additional

student absences. Your cooperation in performing a wellness check will go a long way in preventing issues with COVID in our school and is, in fact, our first line of defense.

This school year is undoubtedly filled with many uncertainties. A few things, however, are certain. We have a remarkable community that cares about our students, a staff dedicated to the safety and success of our students and a School Board and Administrative team that has looked at every possible angle to make this year safe and successful. Working together, we will make this work for our kids!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Pawlik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Michael D. Pawlik
Superintendent