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Dear Friends of Fairfield Public Schools,

I hope this email finds you well amidst your back to school preparations. I am emailing today with a quick update on our progress.



We are readying school buildings for our students' return on Tuesday, September 8th. Hand sanitizer stations are being installed, signage is being put in place, and hallway markings laid down. Below is an overview of all the physical changes being made to keep our students and staff safe, along with our new cleaning protocols.

As our teachers return, they will be trained on mitigation efforts such as PPE and social distancing. Our Health Department, working with students from Warde and Ludlowe, and our Health Department liaison, Lori Mediate, have prepared two training videos for students, one for Grades K-5 and one for Grades 6-12, that we encourage you to watch with your child(ren) before school starts.

Please remember that for in-person learning to succeed, we need to always act within a shared culture of health and safety. Please be vigilant in monitoring your children's health, and do not send your child to school if s/he is showing symptoms, or with a fever masked by Tylenol or Motrin. This is not the year to send your child to school with a "see how you feel" message. I know this can be an inconvenience, but we need to be mindful of the potential impact on the health of our entire community. We will be providing a health checklist for you to use each morning.



With the student surveys complete, we are rebalancing class lists as necessary, to support students in both hybrid and remote learning plans. We are in the process of establishing the cohorts and will be notifying you next week of their cohort placement.

Take care,

Mike Cummings
Superintendent of Schools



Preparing Our Buildings to Reopen

- Hand sanitizer stations at all entry points and classrooms
- Social distance markers on floors and walls
- Hand washing signage
- Hallway lane markings showing one-way directions
- Furniture removed and spaces reconfigured to allow 6 foot social distancing in class
- Plexiglass partitions in shared offices and greeting areas
- Bathroom stalls blocked off to keep students apart
- Touchless paper towel dispensers
- HVAC evaluation, modification, and remediation for optimal airflow and filtering



COVID-19 Cleaning Protocols

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Increased custodial staffing at all buildings will allow for increased cleaning and disinfection, as follows:

	Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
Increased Custodial Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Custodian 6:00 am - 4:00 pm +2 Custodians 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Evening Custodian 2:30 pm - 11:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Custodian 6:00 am - 4:00 pm +1 Day Custodians 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Evening Custodian 2:30 pm - 11:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head/2 Day Custodian 6:00 am - 4:00 pm +1 Custodians 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Evening Custodians 2:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Before School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand sanitizer and back-up masks in classrooms Wipe door handles and bathroom fixtures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand sanitizer and back-up masks in classrooms Disinfect all entry doors, door handles, and common touch surfaces in hallways Be present at entry doors during arrival to help with disinfecting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand sanitizer and back-up masks in classrooms Disinfect all entry doors, door handles, and common touch surfaces in hallways Be present at entry doors during arrival to help with disinfecting
During School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure all outside doors Inspect bathrooms; continuously check and disinfect throughout day. <p>After a.m. cohort/Before p.m. cohort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disinfect each chair, desk, and all classroom common touch areas Disinfect all hallway common touch areas and at every door entrance Clean and disinfect bathrooms Collect food garbage and wipe down desks where food was consumed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigned to Technology Ed area to assist with disinfecting between classes <p>Make consistent rounds to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disinfect all bathrooms and hallway common touch areas of each hallway Disinfect all touchpoints in any vacant classroom. Report to the cafeteria during lunchtimes to help with cleaning and disinfecting tables and chairs between groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigned to Technology Ed area to assist with disinfecting between classes <p>Make consistent rounds to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check and disinfect science rooms Disinfect all bathrooms and hallway common touch areas of each hallway Disinfect all touchpoints in any vacant classroom.
After School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All regular duties/routine cleaning Remove all garbage from buildings Wipe and disinfect all desks, chairs, and common touch surfaces in each classroom and hallway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All regular duties/routine cleaning Disinfect all touchpoints in the classrooms, bathrooms, and hallways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All regular duties/routine cleaning Disinfect all touchpoints in the classrooms, bathrooms, and hallways.

The district has always used and continues to use Diversey Virex II 256 as the district disinfectant. Diversey Virex II 256 is listed on the CDC website with a kill time of 10 minutes. In addition to Diversey Virex II 256, the district will continue to use Diversey Oxivir Five16 wipes which have a kill time of 5 minutes.