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Dear Parents & Guardians,

As the days grow a little shorter and school supplies are on store shelves, we are preparing to welcome students back to school next week! Staff members have been working hard to get everything ready to once again have students in our hallways and classrooms once again.

When we left in June, we all sighed a big sigh of relief as we had made it through one of the most challenging years of learning. The pandemic brought new experiences for many of us - remote learning, hybrid schedules as well as face to face instruction. At that time, we were optimistic we could experience a “normal” start in the fall.

Fast forward to today and we know our start will be more “normal” but not entirely as it was pre-pandemic. For example, we will spread out desks to promote as much physical distancing as possible. We will still emphasize hand washing and staying home when sick. Our maintenance staff will continue to disinfect and sanitize all spaces, as well as replace filters frequently. I also encourage all those eligible for vaccines to be vaccinated as an additional layer of protection.

Last night, the Board of Education also decided for universal masking of all students and staff. This decision goes into effect immediately and will be during school hours. Each school has extra masks should a student need one.

This decision was difficult as masking has become a highly charged topic. We will support and encourage students as they transition back to wearing a mask at school, after a summer of minimal mask protocols. We will revisit this decision as the numbers and positivity rates decline. It is my hope we are able to end the year getting closer and closer to what our pre-pandemic “normal” was.

Enjoy the last few days of having your children home! Soon enough, they will be picking out what to wear, getting supply lists and deciding who to sit next to during lunch. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for all of your support during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Cost, Ed.D.

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