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Dear Eagle Families:

It is with great honor and excitement that I have been selected to be your Superintendent. As a life-long Monroe County resident and administrator, I am familiar with the expectation for excellence that drives students, staff, and parents within the Mason Consolidated School community and feel blessed to lead our continued efforts.

In my very short time here, I have already learned that “Soaring for Excellence” is a long-standing commitment by students, families, staff and the community. The commitment to ensuring students are offered the opportunities to learn and achieve at their highest levels is one I stand behind. I look forward to continuing to grow and expand programs to allow our students to reach their highest potential for post-secondary endeavors.

Additionally, I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed on the initial return to school planning that has taken place. It is the goal of the entire school staff to bring our students back for in-person instruction. We know that students learn best in an in-person environment and the Mason Consolidated Staff is working tirelessly to make this happen, but we need your help.

To return to school we must ensure the health and safety of students and staff. Returning to school does not mean returning to business as usual. There will be significant additional safety protocols and precautions that are required by current Executive Orders, as well as the Return to School Roadmap. We are counting on families, staff, and students to follow all guidelines to help us in our quest to keep health and safety as a top priority and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These steps will reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission but will not entirely eliminate the risk. We want to set realistic expectations so that families can make the decision that is right for them.

Despite our best efforts, we understand that some families will remain uncomfortable with sending their children back for in-person instruction. To help us plan for alternative and in-person options, as well as transportation needs, please complete the survey found here [Return to School Parent Survey](#) or found on our website. This information will help us plan all options. **Please complete the survey by Thursday, July 30.**

The following information outlines general information for both in-person instruction, as well as remote instruction in the event we are required to close all buildings and remain home. More information will be sent after all plans have been developed and approved by the MCS Board of Education.



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In-person instruction:

- Families are asked to check their child's temperature in the morning before leaving for school. Students with temperatures above 100.4 or greater should stay home and consider coronavirus testing if COVID-19 symptoms are present.
- Families are asked to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19. The presence of any symptoms, including cough or shortness of breath, should prompt the family to keep the student home from school and to follow up with a primary care provider.
- Staff will complete a health screener each morning prior to working with students.
- PK-12th grade students will be required to wear facial coverings on the school bus, in commons areas, and in hallways. Masks will be available to students who do not have facial coverings. A clean cloth facial covering must be worn each day and disposable masks are to be thrown away at the end of each day.
- Students in grades 6-12 are required to wear a facial covering all day. Masks will be available to students who do not have a facial covering. A clean cloth facial covering must be worn each day and disposable mask are to be thrown away at the end of each day.
- Students in grades K-5 are strongly recommended to wear a facial covering all day. Masks will be available to students who do not have a facial covering. Cloth facial coverings must be clean each day and disposable masks should be thrown away at the end of each day.
- Staff will be required to wear a facial covering all day. Masks will be available to staff who do not have a facial covering. A clean cloth facial covering must be worn each day and disposable masks are to be thrown away at the end of each day.
- Social distancing measures will be taken to reduce crowding and large groups of students.
- Visitors will have restricted access.
- Due to classroom configurations, six feet of distance between desks will not often be feasible, but desks will be spaced as much as possible and facing in one direction.
- Buses may have assigned seats, and an attempt to have only two students per seat. Drivers will disinfect the seats after morning and afternoon runs. Sanitizer will be placed on buses and students will be asked to use prior to sitting down.
- Sanitizer stations will be available in schools, and students and staff will be asked to wash their hands at regular intervals.
- Custodial staff will be responsible for wiping down touch points in common areas (doorknobs; light switches, benches, etc.) every 4 hours. Custodians are contractually obligated to wipe down desks and classroom tables each night. Classrooms, during daily usage, will be the responsibility of teachers in the classroom for wiping down desks, seats, and shared classroom materials in-between classes.



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Remote Instruction:

In the event we are not permitted to hold in-person instruction we will move to a remote learning plan.

Please understand: **This is not going to be the same remote environment that we had when schools closed. Students and parents can expect the following:**

- Assignments will be graded and entered in the Home Access Center.
- Tests will be given.
- Participation will be required and tracked. Local truancy protocols will be followed when a student fails to engage in the remote learning plan.
- Teachers will be expected to provide synchronous (live) virtual classroom experiences via Google Meet
- Teachers will be required to offer a certain number of hours each week for live classrooms, open office hours, and individualized learning support.
- Google Classroom will be the platform used by teachers and students to provide access to homework, tests, and lessons that students can access at their own pace (called asynchronous learning).
- Teachers and school staff will support students' social-emotional and academic needs with regular, personalized check-ins.
- For each child with disabilities, we are developing a learning plan to identify how MCS will implement the services and supports in your child's IEP or Section 504 Plan in a virtual setting

As always, we thank you for your continued trust and partnership we share to provide the very best teaching and learning regardless of the environment. Our decisions are being made by listening to the voices of all stakeholders, while following required protocols. If we follow health care guidelines, we will be one step closer to our school returning to normal a little sooner.

For more information on the Return to School Roadmap, please [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Kelli Tuller
Superintendent
Mason Consolidated Schools

Go Eagles!