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As we begin preparing for the next school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on 2020-2021. Before we can move forward, we must learn from the past and build on systems that will make our school district stronger. In the midst of a pandemic last year, our staff, students, and families had to make quick adjustments in order to continue delivering instruction to meet the educational needs of our students. We are again in a situation where the pandemic is very much alive. Our school district will continue to follow current Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Nueces County Health District and the State of Texas guidelines in order to keep staff and students safe. Full time virtual learning will **NOT** be an option for students and all instruction will be provided face-to-face. The district administration is continually working on our health plan and remains committed to mitigating the effects of COVID-19 in our schools. While it is not possible to eliminate **ALL** risk of further spread of COVID-19, the school district together with the parents must work together in educating our students about proper hygiene techniques and necessary safety measure at home and school to prevent the spread of this virus in order to keep everyone safe.

Protocols will continue to be in place for hand washing and sanitizing, cleaning of surfaces, and social distancing as much as possible. The district will also have air purifiers in every classroom in order to facilitate a clean atmosphere for our students and staff. For the most part, however, we plan to return to instruction as “**Normal**”. The wearing of face coverings for non-vaccinated individuals is “**Strongly Encouraged**” as per CDC guidelines and school district officials.

Knowledge is power and a quality education is the neutralizing factor among individuals throughout the world. Hope to see all of your children soon!

Sincerely,

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