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Parents/Guardians,

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year. I am sure there are various fears and concerns. It is our utmost priority to keep students and staff as safe as we possibly can and to ease those fears. This will be achieved only if we work together.

- If your child has an underlying health condition that puts them at a higher risk of severe illness if they contract COVID 19, please discuss school attendance with your healthcare provider.
- We ask that you self-screen your child each day prior to coming to school. If your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive within the last 14 days or is experiencing COVID 19 symptoms, please do not send them to school, and notify the school nurse. If your child is having symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider.
- Symptoms of COVID 19 – Fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, new or worsening cough, sore throat, muscle or body aches, chills, fatigue, headache, congestion/runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting.
- If your child tests positive after having been at school, please contact the school nurse.
- If your child has a fever prior to school, please do not give them fever-reducing medication and send them to school. Keep them at home and contact your healthcare provider.
- Please discuss with your child the importance of handwashing, covering cough, sneezes, and social distancing. I know they will be excited to see their friends but please explain why social distancing is still so important to help slow the spread of the virus.
- We will be following DHEC guidance for schools if your child goes home due to COVID 19 symptoms.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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