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Hello Farragut Families,

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First, I would like to thank you all for being AMAZING! You have been so supportive and helpful with virtual learning. Keep up the great work!

As you know, our district has decided to allow students to return to in-person instruction beginning October 19th for grades PK – 2nd and October 26th for grades 3 – 5. Each school was allowed to create their own plan based on enrollment and specific needs of their school families. I would like to thank everyone for making this difficult decision and I want you to know that whichever option you chose, you made the right decision for your child. All families have chosen either in-person or virtual learning for the second quarter. Please remember that we cannot add students to the in-person list until next quarter (January).

Our plan for the second quarter will have strict expectations and safety guidelines in place that all staff and students must follow. **Our #1 priority for this shift is student/staff safety**. We will be really strict about the safety rules, and will not tolerate unsafe behaviors.

In-Person Expectations (non-negotiables):

- No visitors will be allowed in the building without a prior appointment approved by the principal
- Student must have up-to-date contact information
- Student IPAD and charger will be required to stay at school
- Immunizations will be required to be up- to- date
- We will follow all CDC guidelines
- All students and staff will have their temperature taken each morning
- ALL students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times except when eating
- Social distancing will be required for all students and staff. There are markers on the floor throughout the building and outside of the restrooms to help with this.
- Handwashing and sanitizing will be required throughout the day.
- Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the classroom/cafeteria and outside (weather permitting).
- Students will not interact with other students outside of their class. Students will stay with their cohort (small group) throughout the day. Less exposure for students and staff supports contact tracing.
- Our school will have additional custodians who will follow strict cleaning/sanitizing processes daily

NOTE: Students who do not follow the rules will be given a warning and parents will be contacted. Students who continuously break the rules will be recommended back to virtual learning from home.



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In-Person Learning:

- Farragut will be using a concurrent teaching- "hybrid model."
- Teachers will be in-person with the students in their class. The cap on this number is 15 students.
- The class will be live-streamed to the students at home so that they can view and participate in class along with the in-person students.
- Special Education and counseling services may be virtual or in-person, depending on the needs of the individual students.

Virtual Learning:

- Virtual learners will log in to Microsoft Teams each morning at 8:15 AM beginning on Monday, October 19th.
- Special Education and counseling services will continue to be provided virtually.

School Hours will change.

7:35 AM – 8:00 AM – Arrival time for in-person students (PreK-Door#3 Riders/Walkers-Door #4) 2:12 PM - Student's In Person Day will end 8:05 AM – 3:12 PM – Official School Day for Students

**The live portion of the school day has been shortened by one hour each day. Students will be required to do 1 hour of independent work after school daily. **

If your child needs to be enrolled in an after-school program, please reach out to the Dream Center (our community partner-314-381-0700 ext. 8035)

Transportation:

Those of you who chose in-person instruction for your child will be receiving a bus letter in the mail with transportation information. *If your child is participating in virtual instruction, please ignore letter*. Transportation will be available; however, if you are able to bring your child back and forth to school, we would encourage you to do so.

I look forward to Quarter 2, and I will continue to update you with important information. Don't forget to update your contact information with the school if anything changes. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any immediate needs or concerns. Thank you for all you do!

Many thanks,

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"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men (women)."

-Frederick Douglass