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To: South Henry Families
From: Wes Hammond, Superintendent
Re: School Reopening
Date: 10-2-2020 (Revised)

I want to thank you for the great cooperation we have seen since we started school on August 5th. We could not have started school on time without the assistance of our families, students, and staff members. Our students and staff have done a great job following our guidelines allowing our students to attend school in person. The following guidelines are provided for your information and have been revised to reflect new information that we have received from the Henry County Health Department, the Governor's Office, and the CDC.. Please know that we will continue to refine our more detailed plan that is also posted on our website. The detailed plan provides additional information on the guidelines listed below. Also, please continue to be aware that, with the constantly changing information and knowledge regarding COVID-19, this plan will be updated as new information is discovered.

Guidelines for Reopening

1. School continues to be open for in person instruction for all students.
2. If a student cannot attend in person due to health concerns or, if the student's caregiver does not want their student to attend school in person, then instruction continues to be provided remotely via eLearning. The Indiana Department of Education has emphasized that the expectation for student instructional time is five hours per day for elementary students and 6 hours per day for junior senior high school students. This is a legal requirement. Students have until Friday, August 14, to declare that they will learn virtually for the first nine weeks in grades K-8 and for the entire first semester in grades 9-12.
3. Students and staff must self screen prior to coming to school to check for possible symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms are present the individual must not



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come to school. Additional information on symptoms and self-screening is included in the detailed reopening plan.

4. Staff and students are required to wear a mask at all times. Face shields are acceptable.
 - Student masks are now required per the governor's executive order. This includes on the school bus and most in-school settings. Masks may not be required in certain situations such as eating breakfast and lunch.
 - Adult masks are required unless the teacher is at an acceptable distance from the students while instructing the whole class.
5. Instructional space will be maximized and social distancing will be practiced as much as possible in each classroom. The following practices will be enacted in classrooms:
 - Seating charts are required.
 - Students are to sit in rows facing in the same direction.
 - No group work without a mask.
6. Students riding the school bus will be assigned to a seat and will be required to wear a mask while on the bus.
7. Housekeeping will employ enhanced cleaning procedures.
8. If school is closed due to a positive case of COVID-19 the school will be closed for cleaning and students will learn via eLearning until the Henry County Health Department allows a return to in-person instruction.
9. Water fountains will only have the hands free water bottle filler available for use to eliminate touching of the push buttons on the drinking fountain. The fountain will be covered to prevent use. Students and staff may bring water bottles to school to use. Water will also be provided to students during lunch.



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10. Only essential visitors will be allowed into buildings and each must sign in at the school office with their name, contact number, destination within the school, the time in and out, and they must wear a mask.
11. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria or other designated locations with each appropriately distanced from the other students. They will also be assigned to a seat.
12. Please if you have any questions about any symptoms your child might be exhibiting or whether they should be in school, call our school nurse Mrs. Scholl at 765-987-7988 ext 203 or at 765-465-9423.

