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Dear Calumet families,

I pray that God is giving you all strength and wisdom during this pandemic. I write to share some new information regarding our plans for reopening. Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Franklin County, Calumet has decided to postpone our first day of school until September 8th. This will give us time to assess the frequently changing virus trend data in order to make the wisest decision for the safety of staff, students, and their families. At this time we are still planning to reopen in person, but if Franklin County is at a Level 4 in the Ohio Public Health Advisory system or if Governor DeWine bans in-person reopening, we will be in a position where we will have to reopen using a full online model. That being said, we intend to reopen in-person with the following safety measures.

1. **Two Buildings:** Students preschool-1st grade will be at the main campus building. Grades 2-8 will be at the Calumet building. We decided to keep 2nd grade at Calumet.
2. **Sectioned off by Hallway:** The Middle School will be in the upstairs hallway of Calumet. Grades 2-5 will be in the downstairs hallway at Calumet. Kindergarten and first grades will be in the upstairs hallway at main campus. All preschool will be in the downstairs hallway at main campus. These four cohorts will have separate classrooms, recesses, and lunches.
3. **Online Option:** Any student K-8 whose family feels uncomfortable attending in-person can stream into class through our online option. All teachers K-8 will have microphones, webcams, and zoom licenses to accommodate students attending online. We are not offering an online option for preschool at this time because we do not feel it is age appropriate.
4. **Extra Outdoor Time:** We are working on creating a modified schedule that has 45-50 minute periods of class time followed by 15-20 minute periods of outdoor recess rotating throughout the day. Being outdoors is known to heavily decrease COVID risk, and it gives students time to socialize in-person. Unfortunately, to create scheduling space and due to the shared resources and amount of expelled air in some of our specials classes, we will not be offering Art, Music, Band, or Spanish to start off the school year. We hope to restore these when COVID risk diminishes. Physical Education will take place outside, and teachers will have multiple outdoor locations to do outdoor lessons if they so choose. Lunch will also take place outside unless weather does not permit, in which case lunch will be in the classroom.
5. **Face Coverings:** All students K-8 will be required to wear face coverings while in the building (either masks or shields). These should cover the area from the tip of the nose to the bottom of the chin. We are not requiring preschool to wear face coverings at this time because we do not feel they are age appropriate. Teachers and staff are also required to wear face coverings, but we recommend preschool-2nd teachers wear face shields so their face is

visible to aid social and language development for younger students. Students will not be required to wear face coverings outdoors. Recess will be time for them to get mask breaks.

6. **Classroom Set Up:** All classrooms K-8 will be set up with students' desks being at least three feet apart, and classroom doors will be kept open to promote airflow.
7. **Handwashing, Sanitizing, and Disinfectant:** Handwashing and hand sanitizing will be required at intervals throughout the day. Janitorial Staff will disinfect classrooms, playground equipment, and high use areas/items multiple times a day.
8. **Individual Supplies:** To eliminate crowding and high touch areas, no lockers or water fountains will be used. Students will be required to bring their own water bottle and keep their supplies in backpacks or individual storage such as desks or cubbies.
9. **Arrival and Departure:** Arrival and departure times will be staggered between the two locations by a difference of about 30 minutes.
 - Calumet will run from an 8:20-8:30 Arrival to a 3:05-3:15 Dismissal.
 - Grades 2-5 will enter and exit through the main doors.
 - Middle school students will enter and exit through the upstairs doors.
 - The main campus location will have an 8:50-9:00 arrival for all grades except P.M Kindergarten which will arrive at 12:50-1:00.
 - Preschool and A.M. Kindergarten will dismiss at 11:45
 - P.M. Kindergarten and first grade will dismiss at 3:30-3:45
 - Grades K-1 will enter and exit through the main doors.
 - Preschool will enter and exit through the south doors at the end of the hallway
 - All parking should be done in the south parking lot connected by the bridge
10. **Temperature Checks:** All staff and students will receive temperature checks each morning before they enter the building. Anyone with a temperature above 100 or with COVID symptoms will be sent home. See the Sick Policy below regarding other key guidelines.

Modified Sick Policy: Each day, students' temperatures will be checked using a no-contact thermometer. If a student has a fever (a temperature at or over 100 degrees), that student will be shown to an isolation room. The guardian will then be notified to pick up the student. Students must be fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 72 hours before returning to school. If a student has respiratory symptoms and a fever, a physician's note and/or negative COVID-19 test result will be required before returning to school. We recommend that all students who have a fever get tested for COVID-19 at a free testing site. Calumet will provide a list of free testing sites to families during the first week of school.

In the event that a staff member is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they will be sent home immediately and be required to get a negative COVID test to return. The class will either get a substitute or do online learning until then.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 local health officials will be contacted for guidance and families will be notified as soon as possible. Remote learning for the classroom will be determined on a case by case basis, but a two week quarantine for the class is likely.

If a student tells a parent or guardian he or she does not feel well, keep that student home. We are more than happy to offer online learning resources to students who do not feel well, and our current absence policy provides flexibility for COVID-19 cases. Please contact the school at (614) 261-8136 if your student is ill or an immediate family member falls ill with COVID-19.

Calumet will move to remote learning if one or more of the following conditions are met:

- Franklin County moves to a Level 4 on the Ohio Public Health Advisory system.
- Governor DeWine issues orders ban in-person reopening or to close schools.
- We are unable to maintain adequate health precautions and/or the risks begin to outweigh the benefits of in-person instruction.

These plans are our best understanding of how things will go, but we will be paying close attention to new information and adapt as needed. We appreciate everyone's prayers and flexibility during the unique historical situation we find ourselves in. Don't hesitate to email me with and questions or concerns. I may not be able to answer every question or assuage every inconvenience, but I'll try to help in any way I can. We are doing our best and we know you all are too.

Thank you,

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