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Dear Calumet families,

The teachers and I are all so excited to get back to school and get to know the students! We're almost there! I write to update you on 5 important changes we have made to our reopening plans.

- 1. To maximize social distance we have decided to decrease the number of students at the Calumet building and add more grades to our North Campus building.** Some of the rooms at North Campus are double the size of a normal classroom and therefore allow for more social distancing for our larger classes. We have made these changes to ensure each student gets 6-9 ft of social distance in the classroom.
 - a. Grades 3, 6, 7, and 8 will be at Calumet.
 - b. Preschool and grades K, 1, 2, 4, and 5 will be at North Campus.
- 2. The Ohio Department of Health now mandates students to wear masks even while outside unless they are eating or socially distanced 6 ft apart.** So during our outdoor breaks we will have 2 areas, one where students are separated 6 ft and can remove their masks, and another where students can use the playground or play sports, but have to keep their masks on. These mask requirements and allowances are state mandated. Also we recommend paper masks or double layered cloth masks. Shields, gaiters, bandanas, and valve masks aren't approved. We will be providing lanyards for all students on the first day they attend in person. These lanyards attach to the loops of the mask and hang around student's necks to prevent masks from being lost. We recommend but do not require masks for preschool students.
- 3. Unfortunately we are unable to get bussing to North Campus. Only students in grades 3, 6, 7, and 8 who are at the Calumet building will have bussing.** We apologize for this inconvenience. If you need transportation to North Campus or you want to volunteer to help others with transportation, please email Jody Butcher at butcherj@dwelcc.org. She will try to match volunteers with transportation needs.
- 4. Families selecting the online option will need to do so next week and commit to attending online during the entire first quarter.** This commitment allows us to get accurate numbers for social distancing in each classroom. A form will be sent out where parents can select whether they want to begin the school year using the online option. If they select the online option they are committing to this option until at least Oct 23rd. If you choose in-person you can switch to online at any time, but we recommend notifying teachers at least 1 week in advance if possible. If you have a computer at home that has an adequate camera and microphone for Zoom, then you can use that for online learning. If you need to borrow a Chromebook from the school, please contact your student's teacher to fill out a form and receive one.

5. **If a family travels to a state or country reporting positive COVID-19 testing rates of 15% or higher. They are required to do online learning from home for 14 days.** Please check this site <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/region> for up to date data on whether the testing positivity percentage is 15% or higher and let the school know.

Here is a reiteration of our other safety precautions that haven't been changed.

Sectioned off by Hallway: The Middle School will be in the upstairs hallway of Calumet. 3rd grade will be in the downstairs hallway of Calumet. Preschool will be in the downstairs hallway of North Campus. K-2nd and 4th-5th will be in upstairs hallways of North Campus.

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.

Extra Outdoor Time: Our modified schedule has 40-50 minute periods of class time followed by 20 minute periods of outdoor breaks rotating throughout the day. We will also have multiple outdoor classroom sites at both locations. 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. Lunch will also take place outside unless weather does not permit, in which case lunch will be in the classroom.

Face Masks: All teachers and students K-8 will be required to wear face masks while inside. These should cover the area from the tip of the nose to the bottom of the chin. Masks will be required on student supply lists, but we will also have backups in each office.

Social Distance/Classroom Set Up: All classrooms K-8 will be set up with students at least 6 ft apart, and classroom doors open to promote airflow and minimize high touch areas. Parent volunteers will not be allowed in classrooms the first quarter of the year. To eliminate crowding and high touch areas, no lockers or water fountains will be used. Students are required to bring their own water bottle (please no glass) and keep supplies in backpacks or individual storage.

Hand Hygiene and Disinfectant: Handwashing/sanitizing is required throughout the day. Janitorial Staff will disinfect classrooms, playground, and high use items many times a day.

HVAC: Our air conditioning system is designed to pull in fresh air and will not recirculate air.

Arrival & Departure: Arrival/Departure times are staggered by 30 minutes between locations.

- Calumet will run from an 8:20-8:30 Arrival to a 3:05-3:15 Dismissal.
 - 3rd grade 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 12:35-12:45.
 - 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-2 and 4-5 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

Temperature Checks and Sick Policy: All staff and students will receive temperature checks each morning 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 have a list of free testing sites available in the office.

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 staff's return is deemed safe.

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 to 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.

Don't hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns. Thanks for doing your best to be flexible this year. Can't wait to meet everyone face to face (or should I say mask to mask?)!

Sincerely,

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