

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The first day of school (August 23) will be here before we know it. We are very excited that things continue to trend towards a more normal school year, but we also want to make sure we are ready for that first day. As we plan for the upcoming school year, we wanted to provide you an update regarding health and mitigation protocols and online learning for next year.

One big change for the upcoming school year will be online learning. Last year, all families had the opportunity to have their kids stay home and do online learning through Edmentum or Edgenuity. This will not be the case this upcoming school year. We plan to follow our protocols prior to the pandemic which means that families would have to meet with their child's principal and provide sound health related reasons before being allowed to go online. This will be done on a case by case basis. We believe that it's best educationally and social-emotionally for our students to be in our buildings with our teachers and their classmates. We also believe that based on the data we obtained last year that our school buildings are safe for our students. We are not closing the door on online learning, but feel it's best to follow our procedures prior to last year. If you do have concerns about your child coming back to school, we ask that you set up a time to meet with your child's principal by no later than **August 13th**.

If things were to change drastically in the next few weeks, we will communicate those changes to families immediately. Otherwise, we plan to communicate more with families prior to the start of the school year. We thank you all again for your continued support and are hopeful that the upcoming school year will feel more "normal" than last year. Thanks again for your support and we hope you are able to enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Marty Jimmerson