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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back to another school year! I hope you enjoyed the warm summer weather and were able to take advantage of the many sunny days we had. I am writing to inform you of our back to school plan as it relates to COVID19 prevention requirements.

Unfortunately, we are still facing challenges especially with cases of the COVID variant on the rise. With many unknowns ahead of us, we must plan carefully and purposefully while keeping flexibility as a priority. Currently, we are not requiring that masks be worn in the buildings or on the playground as it is only a recommendation by the CDC. However, if you, as the parent/guardian, would like your child to wear a mask in school, please feel free to do so.

The CDC and the Department of Education have set one mandate for masks. **All students PK-grade 12 need to wear a mask on the school bus.** This requirement also extends to student athletes who ride the bus to/from games and students who go on school-sponsored, after-school activities or field trips.

As a district, we will do our best to honor social distancing when possible. We will also continue the thorough cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing procedures we established last year. Moreover, we will prioritize handwashing and respiratory etiquette and are asking your help in keeping your child home if they are sick or have a fever.

In addition, please keep in mind that the State of Maine laws have changed regarding school vaccinations for incoming PreK and Kindergarten students. If you have questions about this change, please contact our district nurse, Poppy York, at 429-8514.

We will monitor community transmissions and any outbreak occurrences in order to make informed decisions so that we can keep our students and staff safe.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elaine Boulier, C.A.S.