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Hello Families,

It is our desire to continue to offer safe in-person instruction for our students. We have remained in continual correspondence with the health department regarding COVID-19 trends.

In order to maintain our in-person instruction, we would like to reiterate **the health department's strong recommendation that students and staff wear masks while in our schools. At this time, this is particularly important at our middle school.** It is extremely important that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms stay home from school and contact a healthcare professional.

Since August 23, 2021, our middle school has had seven individuals test positive for COVID-19; currently, 34 middle school students are quarantined. Our middle school has increased our COVID-19 mitigation strategies that include:

- Assigned seats in classrooms
- Social distancing during individual and group work
- Using hand sanitizer to wash-in when entering rooms
- Sanitizing rooms throughout each day
- Sanitizing Chromebooks throughout each day
- Custodial teams cleaning high-touch areas throughout the day
- Assigned seats at lunch with rotation to balcony and gym under 15 minutes
- Added waiting areas in the morning to avoid congestion
- Strongly recommending that masks be worn while inside

We will continue to monitor health trends and remain in correspondence with the health department.

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions.

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