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Dear Folsom Families,

The New Jersey Restart and Recovery Plan provides school personnel with the information necessary to ensure that Folsom School reopens safely and is prepared to accommodate students' unique needs during this unprecedented time.

A Restart Committee consisting of administration, teachers, board of education members, and parents will meet on Monday, July 13th and continue to meet weekly to develop the best possible plan following the guidance from the restart plan and CDC guidelines. The plan will be shared with everyone by August 1, 2020. You can find the New Jersey restart plan at the following link - <https://www.nj.gov/education/reopening/NJDOETheRoadBack.pdf>

Below is a snapshot of the New Jersey restart guidance:

At a minimum, school districts must adopt a policy for screening students and employees for symptoms of COVID-19 and history of exposure and must strive for social distancing within the classroom and on school buses.

If schools are not able to maintain this physical distance, additional modifications should be in place, including physical barriers between desks and turning desks to face the same direction.

Each school district must also adopt cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

School staff and visitors are required to wear face coverings unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or the individual is under two years of age.

Students are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings and are required to do so when social distancing cannot be maintained, unless doing so would inhibit the student's health.

Classrooms, Testing, and Therapy Rooms – Schools and districts must allow for social distancing to the maximum extent possible. When social distancing is difficult or impossible, face coverings are required, and face coverings are always required for visitors and staff unless it will inhibit the individual's health.

School districts must also minimize use of shared objects, ensure indoor facilities have adequate ventilation, prepare and maintain hand sanitizing stations, and ensure students wash hands frequently.

Transportation – School districts should maintain social distancing practices on buses to the maximum extent practicable and adopt best practices for cleaning and disinfecting all vehicles used for transporting students.

If maintaining social distancing is not possible, all students who are able must wear face coverings while on buses.



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Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas – School district reopening plans should establish the process and location for student and staff health screenings. This should include providing physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to help ensure that staff and students remain at least six feet apart. When it is not possible to maintain physical distancing, schools must require the use of face coverings.

The health and safety of our students and staff will remain our top priority. Thank you for your continued understanding and support. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at mmazzoni@folsomschool.org or by phone at 609-561-8666.

Respectfully,

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