



Dear DSE Families,

The beginning of the school year has been very different as we started with a remote learning plan. There have been many challenges and successes that have occurred, but with your help and support we have overcome those challenges. I appreciate all of your support in making sure that your child has been on Zoom and picking up work packets weekly to ensure that your child is still getting an education.

After careful consideration, we have determined, with approval from our Board of Education, that we will move to a blended learning plan effective Monday, October 26, 2020. That means that students will be returning to school for two days in the building and three days of remote learning. The days that students are out of the building they will be working on assignments created by their teachers. Some of these assignments will be online and others may be paper + pencil activities.

Students have been divided into two groups, Group A and Group B. **Group A** students will attend in-person learning on **Monday's and Tuesday's**, while **Group B** students will attend in-person learning on **Thursday's and Friday's**. Cleaning will be done daily; however, Wednesday is the day that a deep cleaning will take place. On this day, teachers will participate in professional development, hold small group sessions on Zoom, have one-on-one sessions, and hold office hours. During their office hours you will be able to contact them with any questions you may have.

As we return to school it is going to be important that we all work together to make sure we are following the safety guidelines shared by the CDC so we can continue to stay in school. With that being said, all students and teachers will be required to wear a mask while in school. Hand sanitizers have been placed throughout the building and within classrooms so we can make sure that students are cleaning their hands regularly.

Students will be socially distancing inside their classrooms and throughout the building. This year we will not be using shared classroom supplies. Supplies will be kept in a separate bin for each student. Teachers will be cleaning desks and other areas of the room throughout the day.

Students will spend the biggest part of the day inside their classrooms. They will only be interacting with the students within their own class. We will not be holding activities that require more than one classroom to be together.

We have placed six feet social distancing signs throughout the building and designated steps as down only or up only. We are taking the necessary precautions to make sure that we are keeping students safe.

As a safety precaution we will not be using our drinking fountains throughout the school. We know that students need to have drinks throughout the day, so please send your child to school with a water bottle. Please make sure that they have their name clearly marked on the bottle.



We will also be using the same rules as we have in previous years. Students are required to wear a uniform to school daily. They should have a navy blue school shirt and khaki pants. If you need to order new school shirts, please call the school at 937-222-2812.

In order to maintain social distancing as students arrive at school, we will be making a change to our drop-off routine. If you will be transporting your child to and from school, you will need to drive around to the playground door. Students will enter the building one at a time. When they enter the building, their temperature will be taken. If a student has a high temperature and you have already left, they will be isolated from the rest of the students until you have been notified and have picked them up. At the end of the day, car riders will be dismissed from the playground door as well. A teacher will be assigned to the door and will send your child to the car as you pull up. We are asking that all parents remain in their cars and we will send your child out as quickly as possible. Please be patient and considerate of other drivers.

We highly encourage families to take their child's temperature before leaving home. We also will be taking temperatures as students arrive to school. Mrs. Hurtado will be assisting in taking temperatures, so the main office will be closed from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. If you need to contact the office we ask that you do it before 7:45 a.m. or after 8:15 a.m.. Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep your children safe.

Transportation will still be provided; however, there will be some changes made there as well. Students will be required to wear a mask on the bus. As they get on the bus they will have their temperature taken. If they have a temperature of 100.4 or above they will not be allowed to ride the bus or attend school. Students will be sitting one in a seat, or sitting with a family member.

We love to see our families and volunteers; however, for safety reasons we will not be allowing people in the building without an appointment. If you are coming to pick up your child for any reason, please call the school and let us know you are on your way. This way we will be able to have your child ready so you won't have to wait. If you enter the building you must wear a mask and have your temperature taken. We will not let anyone in the building if they do not have a mask on.

If your child is sick, it is important that you keep them home. Please notify the school and let us know that your child won't be in attendance that day. All students should have a written note upon their return to school.

As we take this next step in your child's education we all are feeling excited to see everyone; however, we know that a lot of things will have to look much different. Please be reassured that we are planning and doing everything we can to keep our students safe. If the blended model we are moving toward is a concern for you, please don't hesitate to call the school at 937-222-2812 to speak with Mrs. Koth about other options. I will be happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. I know with your continued support we can make this next phase a success.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Koth