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Miami R-1 Re-Entry Plan

August 3, 2020

We hope that your family has had a safe and enjoyable summer and are looking forward to coming back to school. Your Miami R-1 Family is excited and looking forward to welcoming your children back to learning this August 26th!

Covid-19 has disrupted our learning community since March 18th and with the changing information it has been difficult to make plans for the re-entry but we feel that we have come up with the very best plan that we can offer based on the **information available today**.

It is imperative that we continue our goal to educate students to the very best of our ability and to do this we will need your help. We are committed to the safety and wellness of our students and staff and to offer the safest learning and working environment possible. We want to instill confidence in our families by transitioning into the school year by offering choices to our community members.

First of all, we hope that everyone can feel comfortable sending their children back to school but if you do not, we will be glad to work with you by providing two choices for you.

1. We provide the books, office hours, teacher hotline, and other resources for your child to work from home with your help. This will require that the homework is turned in weekly and we can do this by either you bringing it to us or having it ready and giving to the bus-driver as he comes by. **Grades will count this year** and your child's teacher will have to count on you to turn in assignments.

2. You may homeschool your child or children using your own methods or curriculum. This means you do not need to enroll your child or children and you **do not** answer to us for grades.

We do need to know which choice you would like by August 12 at 5:00 p.m. This way if you choose to have your child enrolled, his teacher can begin preparing lessons for the distance learning and if you choose to home school your child, we can take him or her off of our roster for the 2020-2021 School Year. You must commit to one semester with the choice you make and you can revisit this in December and let us know about second semester.

We have added additional measures to create a safer environment by adding an additional staff member to help us keep our building clean and disinfected throughout the day. We have face masks available for staff and student use should someone become ill while at school and have made plans for the safest way possible to quarantine someone if we need to until they can be picked up by a parent or go home if it is a staff member. The teachers will be taking temperatures several times a day with touch less scans and recording these for the Health Department's use if needed. **We are asking that every parent be mindful and take their child's temperature before letting them get on the bus.** We need to not send any child to school that is coughing, has a sore throat, runny nose, nasal congestion, or diarrhea. We are telling our staff members the same thing that they do **NOT** need to come in if they are sick or having any of the above symptoms.



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We believe that with the safety precautions we have in place and with your help we can all come back to school and be safe!!

We have been working with the Saline County Health Department and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to make sure we are following the guidelines suggested and available for us to make specific for our own little school. They do highly recommend that if you are able to bring your child to school instead of them riding the bus it would be the best!! A bus driver is there to get our children to school safely and do not have time to keep everyone socially distant or masks on the children.

We will have 3 phases as outlined below:

Phase 1: We are at school, safety and sanitizing steps frequently throughout the school day, social distancing at lunch, and masks available for use if wanted.

Teachers will prepare packets and speak to distance learners on Google Meet or Zoom, have office hours for questions, and Teacher Hotline will be available. This is for students signed up for Distance Learning for the first semester. Students who are absent a day or two will be the same as our handbook states they will have 2 days for every day missed to turn in missed work. You can also speak with your specific teacher for other questions.

Phase 2: We will double our efforts to clean and sanitize, may need masks used more often, lunch in rooms possibly, and even more distancing inside the classrooms, and we will utilize the Health Department's suggestions to make our school, our students, and our staff as safe as possible. Distance Learners and any students who are absent longer than 5 consecutive school days will receive condensed lessons recorded and posted on Google Docs.

Phase 3: We will ALL become distance learners and the school will be closed for students. There will be a 48 hour period where the building is being cleaned and then teachers will return to the building and will stay inside their classroom for 20 hours per week doing lessons with students. They will also offer office hours for parents to ask questions or to get help with homework. The Teacher Hotline will also be available when your teacher is not.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at any time that is convenient for you. WE will have to ALL work together and be flexible if we want to make this a successful year! I would like to add that this document has changed numerous times over the last couple of weeks and can change again, so please be flexible and understanding as we figure our way too!

Stay safe and healthy,

Miami School Board and Mrs. Self, Superintendent