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Dear families:

We hope you are well, staying safe, and managing as best you can during this challenging time. We miss you! School is not the same without our students and we look forward to welcoming them back next week. To ensure this is done as safely as possible, we have added enhanced measures and increased vigilance in the following areas:

- Electrostatic sanitizing
- Extremely limited adult-to-adult interactions physical distancing and masks required in all shared spaces
- Close monitoring of daily health checks for staff & students
- Increased physical distancing for secondary students
- No buddy reading or combined class work (even when in the same cohort)
- Increased supervision of arrival and departure areas, as well as common spaces
- Reduced schedule for secondary students
- Masks worn by staff and secondary students at all times

It is essential that each of us, at home and at school, do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19. Our district and schools have safety plans in place. We know what safety measures work and are committed to enforcing those measures. We ask that you reinforce with your child the importance of these safety measures and that you do not send your child to school if they have any of the symptoms outlined on the Daily Health Check form. If your child is a K – 7 student, their schedule will remain the same. If your child is in grade 8 - 12, they will have a modified schedule next week and will be attending only partial days. NESS will send the schedule, including bus schedule, via email and will post on their website and Facebook pages.

I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or principal if you have questions about your child's return to the classroom. I appreciate your patience as we navigate the educational challenges we face in the midst of the pandemic. Please remember to be take care of yourselves and each other; be safe, be well, be kind, and be compassionate.

Sincerely,

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