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Dear Clarkson Patriot Families,

Clarkson Public School is planning to begin the 2020-2021 school year in a Tier 1 setting in the Return To School Contingency Plan which is also located on the school website. In July, we encouraged parents to complete a survey entitled Clarkson Public Schools Questions and Comments. If you have not already completed the survey, please do so. We appreciate your input and have taken your concerns into consideration throughout this pandemic.

We will not be hosting an open house event this year. On the first day of school, Friday, August 14th, students should enter the lobby, where they will be temp checked and then instructed to either eat breakfast in the cafeteria or report straight to their 1st period class. Bus riders will be temp checked prior to getting on the bus and then dropped off at the bus drop-off. Students will find a parent packet and a printed schedule in their 1st period class. Parent paperwork needs to be completed and returned to school by Friday, August 28th. The 2020-2021 JMC is up-to-date and students can see their schedules online. 7th-12th will get their laptops on the first day of school.

All students will be expected to be in attendance at school. If a child has pre-existing medical conditions which lead the parent to have reservations sending their child to school, then an alternative learning setting will be made available. The student must have medical verification of their underlying health condition in order to qualify. Please understand that the quality of instruction will NOT be equivalent to the in-person school setting. Parents need to communicate with the school by August 10th regarding pre-existing medical conditions.

We must also anticipate that there will be outbreaks, creating cycles through which we move from in-person to remote learning. To assist with this needed fluidity, a grading system will be put into place for 3rd-12th grade that provides for the necessary flexibility. This newly adopted grading system will be found on the school website.

Due to our concerns for potentially masking Covid symptoms this year, Clarkson Public Schools will not have medication available for student use. Prescription medication will continue to be administered as needed - parents must communicate with the school and provide medication in original prescription bottles.

Parents, we are asking for your help. If your child is showing Covid symptoms, please keep them home from school. There will be a flexible attendance policy for students who show Covid symptoms. We would also ask that if your child is showing symptoms, but is healthy enough to participate in classes, we would expect your child to participate in the online curriculum provided by the teacher.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions! It's a great day to be a Patriot!!!

Clarkson MTSS Team

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