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Dear Rivendell School Community,

I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy summer and the many great natural resources we have in this area. Our administrative team has spent much of this week planning for the upcoming school year. This communication will address our COVID-19 prevention strategies and you should receive welcome letters and other pertinent school information soon.

Given the recent press conference from Governor Scott and newly released guidance from the Agency of Education I have received many e-mails from parents and students who seem to be mostly concerned about mask wearing. It should be noted that, in no way, are Rivendell COVID-19 strategies driven politically, but rather, are a direct reflection of what we believe will allow us to operate safely and responsibly without interruption.

Our district will return to our pre-COVID hours of operation and bus schedule with some minor adjustments to the routes to accommodate the move of the 6th grade to the Academy. In addition to regular hand washing and sanitation stations we will continue to ask students and staff to stay home when sick. All students and staff should stay home if they:

- Have a fever (temperature greater than 100)
- Show symptoms of COVID-19
- Have been in close contact with an individual(s) who have tested positive for COVID-19

If symptoms begin at school, the person will be isolated and sent home as soon as possible.

To begin the year all students, faculty, and staff will be masked while inside until September 10th, regardless of vaccination status. At that time, we will re-evaluate the need for masking at the Academy. Our elementary students, faculty, and staff will continue to be masked while inside until the Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend otherwise for the under twelve population. Masks are also required to be worn by all passengers on a bus per federal regulations regardless of age and vaccination status. Masks are not required for anyone while outside, which we will continue to promote and incorporate into our daily schedules.

Thank you once again for your continued support as we navigate the many challenges of this pandemic. We look forward to seeing everyone later this month and hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Thank You,

Barrett Williams
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