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In-Person Instruction Option During Pandemic

Acknowledgement of Risks

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to be a global pandemic and, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to this dangerous virus. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky declared a public health emergency within Kentucky. Exposure to the virus can cause severe respiratory distress, hospitalization, permanent disability, and death.

The District will resume in-person instruction on September ____, 2020. At the same time, the District will continue to offer online or virtual instruction to students and families who prefer or require the option of remote learning. Each family's decision to send their child(ren) back to in-person instruction will be a personal one, and that decision should be based on knowledge of the facts and risks associated with COVID-19.

As we return to in-person instruction, the District will take all possible health and safety precautions in alignment with the recommendations and requirements from state and federal authorities, and we have put in place, and will enforce, many mitigation strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout our school community. Such strategies/precautions include, but are not limited to:

- COVID-19 symptom screening on all individuals entering school facilities when applicable
- Self-quarantine of individuals experiencing symptoms or with known exposure to the virus
- Frequent hand washing using soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water aren't available, using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Discouragement of touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Maintenance of physical distance between individuals when possible
- Covering of mouth and nose with a cloth face cover is required except when the student is told that masks are not required.

While such precautions mitigate the spread of the virus, they will not entirely eliminate all risk of contagion. The well-being of our students and employees remains our highest priority; however, the District cannot guarantee that students who return to in-person instruction will avoid being infected with COVID-19. A student's attendance at in-person instruction may result in exposure to and/or infection with COVID-19. Families who decide it is the right time for their child(ren) to return to in-person instruction acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk of contraction of the virus that is inherent with all in-person contact.

Parent(s) Signature

Date

Student Names: _____