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Dear Sussex-Wantage Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide you with an update on our operational plan moving forward. Please be aware that beginning **Wednesday, May 12th**, we will transition to “in person” instruction each Wednesday. We will maintain an *early dismissal schedule* each Wednesday for the foreseeable future. Maintaining an early dismissal schedule each Wednesday affords us a more consistent in person schedule for students while continuing to balance the needs of fully remote students. All other days of the week will remain full days.

Students Who Are Currently Remote or Hybrid

Fully remote students can now choose to return at any time by contacting the main office of your child’s school. However, we ask that parents of students who maintain a hybrid schedule, please choose between fully in person or remote at this time. As a reminder, parents can choose a full remote option at any time.

Food Service

As a reminder, students who attend school in person will eat on campus during the school day. At CEL students eat in their classrooms. At WES and SMS students use multiple spaces within each building to eat while maintaining an adequate social distance. Parents and guardians of fully remote students will also still be able to pick up breakfast and lunch items via Sussex Middle School. To date, we perceive that eating on campus has gone well.

Social Distancing

Social distancing to the extent practicable will be reinforced throughout the school day. In moving forward, there will continue to be instances throughout the day when students are closer than six feet. In those instances we will strive to mitigate those challenges through the continued use of masks and other plexiglass barriers. Only visitors with appointments will be permitted to enter the

building, and, whenever possible, parent and community meetings will continue to be convened virtually.

Face Coverings

Face coverings continue to be mandatory for faculty, staff, and students. Cloth face coverings that cover both the mouth *and* nose are recognized as acceptably protective. Please note: all dress code expectations apply.

Screenings

We continue to ask parents and guardians to self screen their children at home prior to coming to school for illness or a temperature above 100°F. Screenings will continue to be conducted at school upon arrival. It is critically important that any students who have a fever or exhibit signs or symptoms of any illness not come to school. If you have travelled to an area identified as having a travel advisory, please adhere to the NJDOH travel guidelines found here:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>

Student/Staff Safety and Hygiene

We also continue to reinforce proper hygiene such as regular handwashing, the use of hand sanitizer, and social distancing to the extent practicable will take place for all students and staff. Hand sanitizing stations have been provided to every classroom and strategically placed at other multiple locations throughout each building.

Sincerely,

Michael Gall
Superintendent/CEL Principal