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Dear Families of Green Lake Students,

Welcome back to the 2020-21 school year! We have had an amazing summer anticipating the reopening of the Green Lake School District. It has been nothing short of a roller coaster ride with changing mandates, new trainings, and great ideas from our staff, parents, and community members. The result of this has been a reopening plan that is highly detailed and designed to keep our students safe. You can access our reopening plan at:

<https://www.greenlakeschool.com/2021schoolyear/Updated%202020%20Reopen%20plan.pdf>

Reviewing the plan will answer many of your questions, but you still may wonder what to expect on the first day of school. Upon arrival, students will be greeted at the designated entry for their grade level by a staff member who will ask how they are feeling and take a quick temperature. Students will report directly to their classroom, and their teachers will provide them with the information they need to complete their day. We may find that adjustments need to be made to routines and procedures during the first two weeks.

The entire staff is working to make the best possible experience for your student(s). We are so happy to have all of our students in the building 5 days a week for in-person learning and want to make it as “normal” as possible. We haven’t had “regular” school since March 13th, and we need to be together. By following the rules, as strict as they may be, will allow us to continue in-person learning and not have to move to virtual learning as we did in the spring.

We are also aware of our students who have selected virtual learning. Over the summer, the district reflected on its practices during school closure. As more research was conducted, a new model for virtual learning was created in the elementary and secondary schools. We are hoping that this model will create better learning opportunities and engage students in a successful academic experience.

We know there continues to be many questions about student exposure to COVID-19 and what procedures will be in place if someone should be exposed or get sick. We are working closely with the Green Lake County Health Department to follow their guidelines. The district will contact the health department when there is a potential exposure or confirmed case. We will continue to provide you with resources on our school website. We are counting on you to screen your student(s) daily before they get on the bus or you drop them off. Please do not send your child to school if he/she appears to be ill.

The importance of getting students back to school is paramount to our community’s success. Parents need to get back to work, and children need to be in the classroom. Safety is our number one priority. We are prepared to move into a virtual environment, but we do not want to close our doors. Please help us keep the school safe by reinforcing our safety rules and contacting us when you have questions or concerns.