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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of September, we are pleased with our return to school plans and continue to work to minimize the effects of COVID-19 in our school and community. Students are learning the new routines of distancing themselves from each other, washing and sanitizing their hands, and wearing a mask consistently, and playing together within their cohorts. We greatly appreciate the support from our community by keeping symptomatic children home and phoning HealthLinks for advice on their health. As a community, we will work together to continue to minimize risk.

It is wonderful to have children back in school and in the playground. Children have happily been reconnecting with friends and meeting many new friends who have moved into our community. We know kids are drawn together and want to be together to engage and play with each other. During the COVID pandemic, children are learning how they can play safely together. When children get too close together and need guidance to be playing and working safely, our staff will gently guide them and explain the reasons for the changes.

Our school has received support from the school division as we work to keep the school and class sizes safe and manageable. All classrooms have received plexiglass and plastic dividers to limit the spread of droplets when speaking and eating. We have added two new classrooms to our school to reduce class sizes in grades 4-7 and currently all the classrooms in the school are being used. We have hired another new custodian to help sanitize classrooms and keep the school clean. We continue to add signage throughout the school to provide visual cues to remind students to be safe.

Our parking lot has become safer over the past couple weeks. Traffic flow has improved because more parents are picking up older children on Minnehaha and Hiawatha while parents of younger children are picking up their children at the back of the school after the school busses arrive at 2:30. Daily, we will have a staff member cross children at the lights from about 2:20-2:40 and supervision for younger children at the back of the school until about 2:40.

As our community, families and school work together by following the recommendations of Public Health, we will keep the risk of virus transmission low. We thank you for your continued support.

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Administrators