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Dear Parents and Staff,

I hope you are doing well. August is just around the corner and the new school year will be starting soon. As I stated in an earlier message, I wanted to give you an update on our "Return to School Plan" today. As things are shaping up, here are the basics I can share with you:

- 1) In schools, wearing masks will be the individual choice of the student or staff member. In the event of a surge in COVID-19 cases in Carroll County, consultation with State and Local Health Departments may determine that the use of masks is necessary for the overall safety of our students and staff.
- 2) On buses, masks are required to be worn per current CDC Order.
- 3) Students or Staff Members testing positive for COVID-19 will be quarantined according to CDC/Health Department Guidelines.
- 4) Contact tracing will occur per CDC/Health Department Guidelines.
- 5) Vaccinated individuals are not considered a close contact.
- 6) Students will need to bring their own water bottles again this year.
- 7) Students at CJSHS will have access to lockers.

Hopefully this answers a few of the basic questions you may have as we start the school year. Please keep in mind that these plans are subject to change based on CDC/Health Department Guidelines. I encourage you to reach out to me or your building principals if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Keith Thackery
Superintendent