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Based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and NY State Ed (NYSED), we have put the following guidelines in place to begin the school year:

Masking	<p>*When inside, masks will be required by teachers, staff, and students regardless of their vaccination status. Since we are a PK - 8 school, most of our students are not eligible for the vaccination.</p> <p>*When outside, masks will not be required. But, individuals are certainly able to wear one if desired.</p> <p>*At all school functions, masks will be required by everyone regardless of their vaccination status.</p> <p>*On the school buses, masks are required. Be sure the masks cover your child's nose & mouth. Additional masks will be available at school.</p>
Instruction	<p>*We will be fully in-person.</p> <p>*Mask breaks will be determined by each teacher.</p> <p>*We will only shift to remote learning with virtual instruction, if there is an increase in COVID cases & the DOH advises a period of shutdown.</p> <p>*We will practice using Google Classroom with the students in school. We can provide assistance to parents if needed.</p>
Physical Distancing	<p>*We will enforce physical distancing guidelines to maintain the safest distance between students & adults. *Each class will form a cohort.</p> <p>*No physical distancing on buses.</p>
Promote Healthy Habits	<p>*Good handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be in place.</p> <p>*Hand sanitizer will be in each classroom, as well as at entrances to the school.</p>
Ventilation	<p>*Windows will be open to allow for fresh air.</p> <p>*Air purifiers are used in each classroom.</p> <p>*Fans are also available to circulate air.</p>
Cleaning & disinfecting	<p>*Safe cleaning supplies will be available in each classroom.</p> <p>*Bathrooms will be cleaned & sanitized at least twice per day.</p> <p>*All rooms and high traffic areas will be cleaned & disinfected daily per CDC guidelines.</p>

Testing/Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Continue to monitor your child daily for any symptoms of COVID. *Phone the school health office with any illness. Stay home when sick. *Temperature checks & a parental daily questionnaire may be required for completion when deemed necessary by the School Principal. *Information will be communicated with parents when this is required. *We will monitor community transmission rates.
Contact Tracing/Quarantines**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Contact tracing will be completed by Public Health. They will determine quarantines. *In case of quarantines, parents & teachers will coordinate to provide a learning plan. Students will be required to keep up on classwork.
Vaccinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *While we promote vaccinations, we will not discriminate against anyone who has chosen not to be vaccinated. *For individuals who have been vaccinated, it will assist with potential contact tracing/quarantining if we have verification of your vaccination. Please contact our school nurse.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All visitors will be required to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, and adhere to all school guidance. *Visitors are asked to make arrangements ahead of time for a visit.
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All students will be able to eat for free. *Menus will be posted monthly for pre-orders. *Social distancing will be used in line & at tables in the cafeteria.
Before & Afterschool Care Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Before & After school care will be provided in the gym. *Before care drop off is at the main entrance & after care pick-up will be at the gym entrance. *Students will be in cohorts. *After School programs will be offered each month...watch for details in the weekly parent letters. *All health & safety guidelines will be followed.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Weekly parent letters will be emailed through FACTS Management. If you prefer a paper copy each week, please let the main office know. *FACTS Management will be used in placed of the MSP system (My Students Progress)

**If there is a positive case of COVID-19, we will work with Jefferson CountyPublic Health to complete the necessary contact tracing and determine next steps. Please remember quarantines are determined by PublicHealth.