



August 17, 2021

Dear RPSA Families,

We want to begin by expressing sincere appreciation to the RPSA community for the input and thoughtful feedback as we navigate the start of a new school year with so many points to consider. We share a collective desire to have every student at school, learning face to face, five days a week this school year. As a result, at this point in time, our school wide policy to begin the school year will require all students and staff to properly mask while in the school building.

COVID-19 procedures to begin the year at Renaissance will include the following:

- **MASKING** - Masking will be required in the school building, during school hours.
 - Masks will be optional during outdoor recess and outdoor activities.
 - Masks will be required at the end of the day for all students while they wait to be picked up.

- **DROP OFF AND PICK UP** - Students should be masked when exiting the vehicle in the morning. If a mask is not available, one will be provided at the door as the student enters in the morning.
 - Adults dropping off students in the morning and picking up students at the end of the day are asked to remain in their vehicles and follow established parking lot procedures.
 - The office will be open from 9:00-2:00 daily, but not during drop off and pick up times.

- **CLASSROOM SEATING ARRANGEMENTS** - Students will have a “home base” in their classroom for purposes of eating and individual work.
 - Students will be allowed to move throughout the class and collaborate with others in their class throughout the school day.

- **CONTACT BETWEEN CLASSROOMS** - We are cohorting classrooms while in the school building. We will cohort by classroom pairs at recess (two classes will go out to play together.) We will cohort by team for our after school program (all students from a team who attend after school will be together).

- **QUARANTINE** - Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine and will not be allowed to come to school during their quarantine. Quarantined students will be provided a self-paced project to complete at home if they are well enough to do so. The teacher will not hold virtual learning sessions with quarantine students. Learning and exploration during the quarantine will be through the self paced project which can be shared with the teacher when the student returns to school.

- **NOTIFICATION** - Families will be notified if there is a COVID-19 positive student in their child's class.
 - In the event that we suspect individual students may have been at a greater risk of exposure due to closer contact, an individual call will be made to those families. However, we will only require quarantine for individuals who test positive unless otherwise advised by the Central Michigan District Health Department on a case by case basis.

- **SYMPTOMS** - Students with COVID-19 symptoms will be required to see a medical provider for a negative COVID-19 test before returning to school.

The masking requirements will take effect on Tuesday, August 24th, our first day of the school year. Masking during our open house on Wednesday, August 18 from 4:00-7:00 will be optional. Please see the August 16th newsletter for the details of that event.

As noted in recent communication, all questions, ideas or concerns can be directed to Lisa Bergman, Executive Director, at lbergman@renaissancepsa.com.