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Dear Parents/Guardians: September 1, 2020

Thank you for your diligence in self-screening your children each morning prior to sending them to school!! We have not had any reports of a positive test for COVID from any student so far, and we hope to continue to mitigate risk for our students and families. We are continuing to collect the attached self-screener forms from students/parents, so please submit to your teacher or school office if you have not done so for each child in your family. Collecting these signed forms is a requirement from the Kent County Health Department for schools to continue to offer face-to-face instruction.

In addition, the Kent County Health Department strongly recommends the use of a daily COVID screener for all students. This screener was accidently sent out this morning from the developer, so I apologize again for that, but we are planning to begin deploying the screener tomorrow morning, Wednesday, September 2, and plan to continue to deploy as long as the health department recommends we do so. The screener will be sent to one mobile phone number and one email address for each student. While I wish it was easier to only send one notice for each family, the health department and developer do not have that as an option at this time. We simply ask that a parent/guardian please respond for each child in your family that attends school each day so we can continue to keep everyone safe. While we understand that having to complete a screener each day may be inconvenient, please know the focus of the health department and our schools is on keeping our students and families as safe as possible.

The screener will go out at 5:30 a.m. each morning to allow families to complete prior to sending students to school. We ask any family that has a student exhibiting symptoms or not feeling well to stay home, and contact your school office to report the absence. Our staff has worked hard this school year to allow for any student who may be out of school to continue to keep up with their school work from home remotely by utilizing our district technology and learning management systems. Thank you again for your support!! Our school year has gotten off to a great start, our kids really seem to enjoy being in school, and we want to do all that we can to keep them in school throughout the year!!

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