

July 9, 2020

Dear Troy Elementary School Family,

I am so excited to be writing a letter about the beginning of SCHOOL! I believe in finding the good in all things. While this pandemic has caused great disruption and in some cases, great tragedy, I sincerely hope it has given us all the opportunity to appreciate so many things we often take for granted. Thank you teachers, first responders, medical personnel, and all "essential" workers who have served and will continue to serve our community during this time. Your efforts make it possible for us to begin our return to school.

The Troy City Schools Reopening Plan includes three instructional options for TES students.

- 1) Traditional: face to face instruction, daily attendance
- 2) Blended: face to face and online instruction, classrooms transition to online if there is an increase of cases or concern for the potential surge of COVID19.
- 3) Virtual: Troy City Schools Remote Learning (K-8) is the online option for students who choose to not return to the classroom for this school year. Please use this link for more information and the registration form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K3Ide8zSAqNq1WY27Cnv6HiGZyWlsfO8ISO99qk33Ik/edit?usp=sharing> You can access this link on our website, www.troyschools.net, by clicking on Troy Elementary School.

Our staff is committed to making every effort to ensure the safety, academic success, and emotional well being of our students. Parents and supporting family members are crucial partners in this effort. We will need your support more than ever. The information listed below will help you begin planning for our year.

- Students will go immediately to their classroom where they will be screened using a touchless thermometer. More information regarding drop off and pick up times and procedures will be released soon. Health protocols will be observed regarding students with an elevated temperature.
- Classes will be set up in the safest manner possible to lessen contact. Students will transition only when necessary.
- Desks will be sanitized twice daily and in between any group change. Our custodial staff will clean and sanitize high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- Sharing of classroom items and supplies will be limited. Students are encouraged to label all personal supplies.
- Students are encouraged but not required to wear masks in classrooms. Parents will be given notice if special circumstances or certain activities require a mask. Students will be given at least one reusable mask that should be with them on campus at all times. Masks brought from home are acceptable.
- Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms until further notice.
- Students are encouraged to bring a personal water bottle for the day as water fountains will be disabled.
- We will continuously update our information via social media, classroom communication, and our website - www.troyschools.net - click on Troy Elementary School.

While our school year may look a bit different, please be assured that our staff is committed to making sure all students feel WELCOME, SAFE, and LOVED! We are BETTER TOGETHER and we are TROJAN STRONG!

Teresa Sims, principal