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Dear Colton Wildcat Families:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We miss seeing you and your children at school. I'd like to share our plan for how school will look this year for our Colton Wildcats.

**We feel confident offering your child two options for learning this year:**

- A. In-person on-site preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (with some modifications listed below), or;**
- B. Distance learning much better than our collective experience this spring.**

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Several factors have been considered in making these decisions with some details still needing to be worked out in the next two weeks. **Regarding in-person school for our preschoolers to twelfth graders**, we needed to be confident about the following factors before making this decision. You will see:

- A. Enhanced janitorial staffing and cleaning throughout the entire day;
- B. Masks worn at all times by everyone on campus (with limited exceptions allowed by law);
- C. Social distancing of no less than six feet between everyone on campus;
- D. Cohorting/keeping same-age groups from mixing with other age groups as much as possible;
- E. Drop-off and Pick-up Zones for students;
- F. Required health checks and attestations by parents before students leave home every day.

You may not yet feel comfortable sending your child to in-person, in-school learning. **Regarding this fall's distance learning**, you will see:

- A. Regular engagement between the teacher, classroom, and individual student;
- B. The same pacing of student learning expectations for students on-site and online.

We want to hear your questions and respond to them. In the email in which you are receiving this letter, you received a link to a survey that asks what questions you have. Colton School will be reading these questions, clumping them into frequently asked question categories (FAQs), and posting a document online in response to them by Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We will also post a reopening plan with procedures for school by Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

As we learned this spring and I expect we'll unfortunately encounter again this next school year, these instructional models may change on a dime, particularly if we are directed to do so by public health or the Governor's office. We are confident that we can adapt quickly and meaningfully if this occurs.

We are all collectively responsible for school to work for our children this year. Please wear masks when out in public and engaging with those outside of your families and practice social distancing for the sake of our children.

Thank you for the trust you put in Colton School District for being a part of your child's educational journey.

Respectfully,

  
Paul Clark