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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

As we navigate through the winter months, we wanted to reach out with some reassurances and updates in some building protocols. We remain vigilant in maintaining a safe environment for all individuals inside the school building by social distancing when practical, encouraging students not feeling well to stay home, and modeling proper mask use indoors.

The heat in the building is operating daily which causes some classrooms to get warm throughout the day. Teachers are being encouraged to open classroom windows periodically to help maintain proper ventilation and air flow. Students are reminded to dress appropriately during these winter months.

We are also updating our mask and field trip protocols as follows:

- 1) Performers in the musical and holiday concerts will be permitted to remove their masks while actively involved in the productions. They should always wear masks when they are not on stage. Crew and supporting participants (RDTV, directors, etc.) should always be masked. Students who wish to wear a mask during these activities may continue to do so.
- 2) Participants in gym class, athletics, and intramurals will be permitted to remove their masks while actively involved in the activity. They should always wear masks when not actively participating. Teachers, chaperones, coaches, etc. should always be masked. Students who wish to wear a mask during these activities may continue to do so.
- 3) Competitive (Debate, Spelling Bee, etc.) field trips are now permitted. Students, teachers, and chaperones must wear masks during all indoor settings.
- 4) Non-competitive field trips remain on hold through the Holiday break.
- 5) Community based instruction for special education students will be permitted. Students, teachers, and chaperones must wear masks during all indoor settings.

Best Regards,

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