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Dear Families,

Due to some COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, we are starting to put things in place that will help return us back to "normalcy" here in school.

Starting on Tuesday, February 1, we will no longer be checking temperatures at the doors. Parents have been very good at not sending their children to school when they have a fever. We have been doing this morning ritual for a year and a half and have never sent a student home due to morning temperature checks.

We will also start to give mask breaks in class. If we continue to follow the other guidelines, like social distancing, we can safely have mask breaks in the classroom without increasing the risk of exposure and quarantines. A student who has tested positive and comes back to school after five days will only be allowed to take their mask off during lunch for an additional five days.

A parent can also request that their child does not take mask breaks. Please have that discussion with your child if you wish them to continue to wear a mask, and we will do our best to remind students, but the responsibility is still between you and your child.

We are eliminating seating charts in the lunchroom and classrooms. Students will continue to be socially distanced. Teachers will still assign seating if that works best in their classroom.

As we continue down this road of returning to "normalcy," we will continue to lift other guidelines. We want to start making school feel more comfortable while at the same time making sure we are keeping our students safe.

An essential aspect of this process is keeping students home when not feeling well and testing for COVID-19 when in question. We will continue to hand out home test kits as needed. We will also have test kits available for families before returning from February break. If you would like a test kit and your child is in grades Pre-k through 6, please pick one up at the front desk the week of February 14-18. If your student is in grades 7 - 12, and you would like to have them bring a test kit home, call the Principal's office to make arrangements.

Sincerely:

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