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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to extend a welcome to each of you as we begin the 2020-2021 school year. The North Wamac faculty, staff, and I want you to know that it is our goal to provide a positive, safe, and rewarding educational environment for your child. North Wamac Grade School has an outstanding faculty and staff, and they will have the best interests of your child in mind.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, North Wamac Grade School will be taking every precaution necessary in order to keep your child safe throughout the school year. Consequently, all students and staff will be required to wear masks per the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). If your child is medically incapable of wearing a mask, you will have to submit a note from a physician indicating clearly why the mask cannot be worn. If the school does not receive a medical exemption from a physician, then your child must wear a mask.

To ensure safety of all faculty, staff, and students, North Wamac Grade School will do the following on a daily basis:

- Require appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) – masks.
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space.
- Require social distancing to be observed as much as possible.
- Administer daily temperature and wellness screenings.
- Require an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfecting.

When students arrive at school each morning, they will do the following:

- Wear their masks and go to designated doors for temperature check.
 - Grades K-2 will go to the main entrance/dismissal door.
 - Grades 3-5 will go the gym door.
 - Grades 6-8 will go to the northeast breezeway door.

Once the students have had their temperatures checked, they will go straight to the gymnasium, sit at socially-distanced designated seats, and wear their masks until breakfast is served. Once the students are done with breakfast, they will put their masks back on and go straight to their classrooms. Students who are bus riders will be required to wear their masks on the bus during both the morning and afternoon routes. Two cloth masks will be provided to your student, and one will remain at school every day. The masks will need to be washed by you on a weekly basis to help provide proper protection for your child.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, when parents/guardians come into the office, they will have to wear masks, and they will not be able to enter other parts of the school building. As a result of the building limitations, our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Wilken, will be conducting a "Kindergarten Meet & Greet" from 5:00-7:00p.m., on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Parents/guardians and their kindergarten children will be able to meet the teacher and visit the classroom (masks will be required).

In closing, the North Wamac faculty and staff welcome you and your child, and we greatly look forward to working with you throughout the course of the school year.

Sincerely,



Brad E. Morris
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