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Dear Families,

As our school year approaches, everyone here at RMS has been very busy planning for a safe and healthy start to our school year.

I would like to thank the Reopening Committee for their hard work and dedication to our students in creating a plan that is comprehensive and consistent with state and CDC guidelines. It was truly a pleasure working with all of you.

The link to the complete Restart and Recovery Plan can be found here: <https://www.southboundbrookk8.org/documents/District/Board/BOE%20Meeting%20Agendas/BOE%20Meeting%20Documents%20-%2007-29-2020/RestartRecoveryPlan.pdf>; and a link to the PowerPoint presentation can be found here: <https://www.southboundbrookk8.org/documents/District/Board/BOE%20Meeting%20Agendas/BOE%20Meeting%20Documents%20-%2007-29-2020/RestartRecovery.pdf>

As the document is quite lengthy, I have attached a summary of the school reopening, along with information on the Work Family Connection options for the upcoming school year. **Due to space limitations, we will be offering before/after care and full day care on A/B days and Fridays to our in person learners first.**

Information regarding scheduled days and teacher assignments will be sent to families as soon as compiled. Due to the nature of the school year, unfortunately, there is no possibility of requesting specific teachers. We are working diligently to sort and stack all of the textbooks for our remote learners and will be contacting families with pick up information.

All students will be required to wear cloth face coverings while in school. Please have your child arrive to school with a clean face

covering with at least one extra face covering in their backpack. Also, please include in the backpack a ziplock bag in which to store any face coverings which may become soiled during the day.

You can help us with this important aspect of keeping everyone safe by having your child/ren practice wearing face coverings for longer periods of time. Some helpful tips for introducing face coverings:

- ★ Face masks and superhero powers: This is a new focused attention practice designed around masks: (<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/brain-breaks-focused-attention-practices-lori-desautels>) :

Ask students what superhero they are, and ask them all to create a power pose. As they hold this pose, have them breathe in three deep breaths, hold for a couple of seconds, and then breathe out a superpower they wish to send to themselves, someone they care about, or the world.

- ★ These are some questions parents can use to help child/ren get used to their masks:
 - How does a face covering protect us?
 - Do you know of any superheroes that wear masks?

School supplies will be posted to our website shortly. We are suggesting that students have a rolling backpack, as they will be taking their consumable textbooks home with them each day.

Also extremely important is that each family make sure that a current email is on file. Communication is sent through Genesis and our InTouch reverse 911 communication system using the email that the main office has on file for each family. When completing paperwork for the new year, please provide the school with the email address that is checked the most often to make sure that you receive communications from the school.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us here at the school.

Sincerely,

Lorise A. Goeke

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