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TO: NCC Parents
FROM: Kevin Kurtz
DATE: June 17, 2020

RE: School Reopening Plans for the 2020/2021 Scholl Year

Our staff and School Board have been working on developing plans for reopening school for the upcoming school year based on current guidelines distributed by the California Health Department and a collaborative effort among all the school districts within Shasta County. These plans are based on the information we have today and may need to be modified if we receive any directives from our local and State Health Department or the California Department of Education (CDE). Any changes required will be communicated out to parents during the week of July 20.

At this time, the following is being planned. Please note, as mentioned above, these plans could change.

1. School reopening on Wednesday, August 12th.
2. Students attending Monday through Friday in as normal a program as is legal.
3. Providing a home school program for students whose parents select this option. We are hoping enough parents will select this option that will allow us to achieve a class size of:
 - a. Kindergarten: 18 students per class
 - b. First – Third: 24 students per class
 - c. Fourth – Eighth: 28 students per class
4. The school day starting as normal at 8:21 am. We are still working on how drop-off will look but anticipate asking parents to drop off between 8:15 and 8:30 with students going directly to their classroom. We will most likely not have before-school care but will have breakfast available for students beginning at 8:05.
5. The school day ending 30 minutes earlier with students in K-3 dismissed at 2:00 pm and students in 4-8 dismissed at 2:30 pm. This will allow our staff time to assist students in the home school program.
6. Unless mandated by the Health Department, the wearing of students masks will be optional. They may be required for any one-on-one or small group instruction only for which parents may opt their child out of.
7. Our school staff are encouraged, but may not be required, to wear masks. Staff will also be encouraged to maintain social distancing from students.

8. Grade levels will be grouped for both a normal morning recess and lunch as listed below. Social distancing would not be required on the playground within these cohort groups.
 - Kindergarten & First
 - Second & Third
 - Fourth & Fifth
 - Sixth, Seventh & Eighth
9. There will be temperature checks for students to enter school and procedures developed for when a student would be asked to remain home or sent home due to illness.
10. Other areas we are addressing:
 - a. Good hygiene will be taught, modeled, and expected of students including washing hands prior to entering school, before/after using a restroom or using a drinking fountain.
 - b. Insuring students have their own set of supplies and are not sharing classroom materials.
 - c. Classroom volunteers will continue to be encouraged but will need to certify they have no illness.
 - d. Students will be dismissed in their cohort groups at the end of the day as follows:
 - i. K-1 (2:00) and 4-5 (2:30) dismissed to cars in the normal pick-up lanes.
 - ii. 2-3 (2:00) and 6-8 (2:30) dismissed to cars in the unpaved area in front of the solar panels.
 - iii. We will be asking parents to remain with their cars and not come onto campus to personally pick up their students.
 - e. Depending on classroom space, some teachers may have dividers on student tables or on small group tables. Our staff have discussed this at length, and many want to insure they can work with students in groups. Dividers would allow this to occur as desks would not need to be spread out throughout the classroom.
 - f. Procedures for a more effective drop-off procedure continue to be developed.
 - g. The availability of afterschool care and how we can maintain students in their cohort groups also continues to be developed.
11. Home School Program: We continue to work on this program. Parents can view the preliminary expectations on the RETURN TO SCHOOL PARENT CHOICE form available on our website.

We understand that parents want their students to return to a school environment that is as “normal” as possible. We desire this as well. Our first goal is to insure students are able to attend Monday – Friday and remain with their class group for the full school day with recesses. Our staff also want to provide the most effective instructional program for their students and are working hard to make this happen under the guidance provided by the State Health Department.

We continue to ask parents, who have not done so, to access the “RETURN TO SCHOOL PARENT CHOICE” form available on the main page of our website and select the option best suited for their child: In-School or Home-School.

Please call or email the school office if you have any questions. The office is open through Wednesday, June 24. After this date you can leave a message or email the school (nccs@northcowcreek.org). Both will be monitored throughout the summer break.