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Dear Hawthorne Family:

We are excited to welcome your child back to campus soon. Here at Hawthorne Elementary and as your child's principal, the health and safety of every student is my primary concern. As students make their way back onto campus for in-person learning, we want to take this time to take a moment to share with you our detailed safety procedures and protocols to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. Our priorities remain focused on protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our community and educating our students' hearts and minds.

Having a safe and healthy learning environment for all students is important and can only be done if our school and our families work together. COVID-19 has taught one thing, and that is that we all need each other! I am asking for your support in making sure that your child remains safe by abiding by the following procedures. With your help we can make this the best school year yet!

### **Preventive Safety Measure**

#### **Home-Symptom Checks**

It is important that you are aware of how to conduct symptom-checks for the safety of your child and others. We ask that you conduct a symptom check at home and keep your child at home if any one of these symptoms occur:

- Temperature readings of 100.4 degree Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat, severe headache, or fever
- Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, we ask that you keep them home if there is a change in their baseline cough)
- Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, we ask that you keep them home if there is a change in the baseline breathing)
- Diarrhea or vomiting

#### **Face mask:**

At this time, both staff and students will wear masks indoors when we return to school, with outdoor masking being optional. If students do not have a face mask or covering one will be provided at arrival to school.

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### **Physical Distancing Requirements:**

At this time, additional efforts to keep everyone safe will be taken and we will continue to make an effort to provide physical distancing when allowable during school time.

### **Hygiene Guidelines:**

Handwashing and frequent disinfecting of campus spaces will remain critical components of our fall return.

### **Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols:**

Scheduled cleanings will take place with increased frequency for classrooms, common areas, high-touch surfaces, offices and workspaces.

### **Student Experiences:**

- Gatherings will be limited in size to abide by State regulations, and may be reduced further for added protection
- Virtual meetings and events will be encouraged this fall
- Proper physical distancing will be enforced
- Protective face masks and coverings will be required of all participants on campus while indoors

### **Personal Responsibility for the Community:**

We ask the help of all families to support the efforts keeping everyone safe. These changes will require difficult but necessary adjustments in personal behavior and responsibility. The information shared here and those that can help us maintain a safe learning and working environment for all students, staff, and community. **We ask that you help in the following:**

- For safety of all, no adults on campus during drop off and pick-up
- Wear a face mask or covering at all times when in public spaces and unable to social distance from others when visiting Hawthorne Elementary
- Maintain physical distancing when around students at Hawthorne Elementary
- Please use hand sanitizer when necessary, when visiting Hawthorne Elementary
- Cover one's mouth and nose if coughing or sneezing
- Follow school expectations as it pertains to visiting Hawthorne Elementary
- Contact the school remotely when possible by phone

Thank you for your time and our goal is to make you aware that we strive to provide quality in-person instruction to your child, please keep in mind that things may change. Our commitment to our students, families, and staff remains the same. We want the very best for everyone and with your help and support, we will be able to overcome the aftermath of COVID-19 together. Thank you Hawthorne family!

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