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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well and that you've had a great summer! Today we welcomed back our staff which signifies that the start of school for students is just around the corner. Students will return to school this Thursday, August 19th and we look forward to their return. I want to take a moment to inform you of Norwayne Local Schools Plan for the 2021-22 school year. Much like last year, our plan is based on current guidelines and mandates.

Norwayne Local Schools will return to school in the traditional format five days a week (barring any drastic changes in guidelines/mandates due to the COVID-19 or the new DELTA variant). We strongly believe the traditional format is the best educational learning model for most students.

We will continue to work to decrease the likelihood of infection through additional hygiene, air quality, sanitizing, and safety procedures which were put into effect last year. However, please understand being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated.

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority and it is important to note the following:

### School procedures:

- The wearing of masks will be optional for all students and staff while in the buildings.

Norwayne Schools will operate using the following protocols for illness:

- Medically **confirmed** positive COVID cases will need to quarantine for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. After 3-5 days have passed, this self-quarantine can be reduced to 7 days if the individual provides a negative COVID test result during their self-quarantine.
- We will contact trace and notify families if their student was in close proximity to any **confirmed** COVID case. We would ask parents to monitor their child for 14 days. If they show any symptoms they should quarantine for 10 days.
- Any student with a fever of 100°f or above should not come to school for 48 hours.

### Bus procedures:

About two weeks ago, the district sent out an alert announcing that students must wear a mask while boarding, riding, and departing from the bus.

- If students do not have a mask the bus drivers will provide one for them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact each building administrator, transportation supervisor, or superintendent.

We appreciate your support and we will keep you informed should any changes occur.