Blackhawk Parents, Students, Staff, and Community,

I want to provide some information concerning back to school 2020-21 at Springs Valley Community Schools. A more detailed plan will be presented to the school board and approved at the July 13 meeting. The full plan will be provided to the community at that time. The plan is being developed based on state and local guidelines. We have been in frequent contact with Dr. Lopez, health officer for Orange County, along with area teachers and administrators. We also used feedback received from parents on a recent survey we conducted. Our goal is to make school days as normal as possible, yet still provide a safe environment.

- The 2020-21 school year will begin on the normally scheduled day of August 5.
- Registration will be available online and by appointment beginning early July.
- Students will be on campus five days a week following our normal daily schedule.
- A virtual option will be available for families uncomfortable with sending their students to school. The virtual option will be teacher-led. Devices and textbooks will be available for those who choose this option.
- Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria.
- Elementary students will have recess.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures will be in place, both on campus and on buses.
- We will ask parents/guardians to self-monitor their students and keep them home if they have a fever or display other symptoms. A checklist will be provided.
- We will have a medical area to separate ill students from those only needing medication or who are injured.
- We will ask staff and students to have a mask with them at all times. Although they will not be required to wear them all day, there may be certain situations when wearing a mask will be required for both students and staff. One example is during a severe weather drill when large groups of students are congregated together.
- The school will provide masks for students who do not have them.
- Visitors to the buildings will be limited.
- We will adjust to the situation as circumstances dictate.

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