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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are safe and are able to find ways to enjoy the summer. With all the changing guidance from the State regarding schools and reopening, I would like to update the Wharton community with the most recent information. While you may be apprised of a variety of rumors and predictions of what may occur, please accept my communications as plans and/or actions based upon the current official directives, guidance, and executive orders, full well knowing that any correspondence sent could potentially be outdated by the time you receive it.

The two most recent changes the State has instituted are:

- Fulltime remote learning options for families
- Updated facial covering requirements

The Governor recently announced that student families are eligible to request fulltime remote learning. In Wharton, families must submit a request for fulltime remote learning by August 19. Requests and/or questions should be directed to the building principal. Student families may have their child return to “in-person” or “hybrid” instruction from fulltime remote learning. For this return to occur, notice shall be made to the building principal no less than two weeks prior to the return date.

Yesterday, the State issued the standard that the wearing of face coverings will be required for **ALL** students and staff, except where doing so would inhibit the individual’s health.

You should have received an overview of the district’s reopening plan last week. This document can also be found on the district website. I wanted to direct your attention to other resources that can be found on our website. A slide show presentation reviewing our reopening, a “Highlights” document, an expanding FAQ (frequently asked questions) link, and feedback from the parent and staff surveys are all available to keep you informed.

Please understand that there will be no plan that makes everyone happy. The only plan that would do so, is when we are beyond the pandemic, and can safely return to in-person delivery of instruction that our outstanding staff provides.

Please take the time to review some of the resources available on our website. While these documents are fluid, I will continue to communicate and keep the Wharton educational community informed of district plans and practices.

Be safe,

Christopher J. Herdman

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