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RETURN TO LEARN BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

As we approach the return to our school buildings for students this upcoming Monday, I want to emphasize several important items that will allow us to stay in session and return students to the building at 100% as quickly as possible.

It is critical for parents to assess the health of their students daily.

What does this mean? We need parents to temperature check their students and not to send them if their temperature exceeds 100-degrees. We also need to make sure that students are not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. We realize that list is long and exhaustive and may apply to many non-COVID-19 illnesses, but keeping the student home in those instances provides an additional layer of protection for all students of the district. As a rule of thumb, the CDC indicates that children with COVID-19 generally have mild, cold-like symptoms, such as fever, runny nose, and cough. Vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported in some children. **When in doubt, please keep your child home.**

We have put in place many protocols throughout the district to maximize safety for students and staff. Among these are requiring everyone in the buildings to wear masks, providing desk shields, posting health and safety signs throughout our buildings, and socially distancing desks, students and staff to the best of our ability in every room. Additionally, protocols have been put in place to minimize traffic in the hallways throughout the day, as well as allowing for additional time for students to wash their hands regularly. Each classroom has hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for students to use at their discretion, and we have added additional custodial staff to sanitize the building throughout the day. These are just a few of the many safety measures that we have put in place to keep us operational during this time.

I am also asking that you please send students to school with a water bottle each day. Per the health department's orders, our drinking fountains are closed until further notice. We will have water bottle filling stations in place for

students throughout the district.

Finally, we are asking that if your student or any immediate family member living in your house tests positive for COVID-19, please contact me directly. I am required to notify the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for conduct contact tracing on any student diagnosed with COVID-19. They will then direct me to notify which parties will need to be quarantined and for what length of time. As an added layer of transparency, we will post weekly data for positive tests and quarantined students and staff on our [website](#).

Additional information can be found on the [school website under the COVID-19 link](#). You'll also be able to review past Tom Talks, helpful guidance and newsletters as they develop.

Please feel free to contact my office directly with any questions. Together we can do this!!!

Go Heights!!!!

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