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Profile Families:

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We are filled with anticipation, excitement and eagerness to reconnect with our students, and renew our Profile mission. All staff have been working, collaboratively, for the last two weeks on designing what the educational landscape will look like for all students. Our 'Reopening Framework' can be found on our Profile Website.

Arrival & Departure

Families who are transporting students to school, must arrive no earlier than 7:30am. Families will need to daily monitor and screen for health concerns including temperature and/or screening checks. Students will be required to hand in a signed COVID-19 screening sheet for the first day of school (included in this letter).

Our instructional day will end at 1:20pm. If possible, all students should leave the building by 1:30pm. Middle School athletics will start at 1:30 and end at 3:00pm. High Schools athletics will start at 4:00pm. Arrangements will be made for students who are unable to depart school at the 1:30pm time.

Orientation

We encourage all students to attend their orientation session, next week. Our primary purpose of our orientation is for each of the grades to enter school in small groups and reconnect with their classmates and staff. We are also going to explain their schedules; learn this year's universal procedures for health and safety; their responsibilities for learning in the digital world; our remote learning norms; and meet their first quarter teachers.

All students must wear appropriate cloth masks (included in this letter); practice social distancing; and proper hand hygiene.

Students will need to bring a water bottle and their Chromebook. Please make sure the Chromebook is charged before students come to school. Students should return all classroom materials or textbooks from 2019-2020, at this time. Students will be required to hand in a signed COVID-19 screening sheet for the orientation (included in this letter).

Learning Model

We are planning to have all students attend school on September 8, 2020. This model is called Full Face to Face Learning. This would include wearing masks, proactive safety, sanitation protocols and changes to routines and operational practices. All members must adhere to physical distancing guidelines.

Be prepared for remote learning- for a day, for two weeks, or a longer duration. In the event the nurse is absent, and we cannot find a substitute- we will have to close the building for the day. In the event of a positive case in a class- we may have that cohort switch to remote learning. In the event of a State of NH decision- we may have to close the building for a duration. Please be reminded that all decisions will be made based upon state and federal guidelines, consultation with public health experts, and with the health and safety of our students and community in mind.

On an emergency remote day, students will be expected to be 'present' from 8am-1pm in their courses. We will inform students and families, if we need to alter the daily schedule, in the event of a long term remote situation.

Opting to not enter the school building

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We believe that students need to learn and interact with others for positive social-emotional & mental health. We believe that students need to collaborate, communicate and problem solve with others. We believe that Remote instruction is not equivalent to, or a replacement for, in person teaching and learning.

However, we do understand that some families may not be safe to have their students enter school, due to a documented medical condition of either the student or a primary caregiver. We also understand some families may be apprehensive about their students entering the school building. We have identified two on-line learning experiences:

1. *Students, or primary caregivers, with documented medical conditions.* Students will be enrolled in their corresponding Profile course. They will have support from the classroom teacher. This may look different depending upon the course. Depending on the nature of the course, a variety of learning modalities and techniques may be utilized. Classroom teachers will share detailed plans with students and families as needed.
2. *Families who are choosing not to enter the school building.* Students will be enrolled in courses provided by the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACs) and the VLACs instructors. Profile has entered a partnership with VLACs to be able to monitor the work being completed in any VLACs course. VLACs courses are free to all New Hampshire students (K-12). Students will be able to enroll in 1 or 2 courses, for the duration of the school year and earn credit for Profile graduation requirements. Parents will be responsible for connecting, and ensuring their student engages in the course work.

Please understand that for all families choosing not to attend school in the physical building:

- Opting into the online environment is a temporary option based on current public health data and may be revoked at any time.
- Families should plan to stay in the online environment for the duration of a marking period.
- Opting into the online environment applies to all school-related and activities that occur in-person.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure the child attends and engages with the work in order to meet the state attendance requirements. Daily attendance will be recorded. Via a *Google Survey Form*.

Music

We are having our Music Program at Profile, however it will look different from previous years. At this time, all indoor sessions must not be longer than thirty minutes, per NHMEA guidelines. Music students will see an "X" block on their schedule for grading purposes- it will be labeled for Band and Chorus.

Middle School band will occur Monday-Wednesday, and Chorus will occur on Thursday-Friday. Middle school students will have times during the day where they will be pulled out of class for a thirty minute time frame to work on their disciplines.

High School students will have Band, Monday and Wednesday, and Chorus will have Tuesday and Thursday from 1:25 pm-2:25 pm.

In the coming week, one of your student's classroom teachers will be contacting you to see if you have any questions. We will be working on being responsive to the needs of our students and staff, looking at accommodations for staff and students and preparing all for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. We want to continue to provide high quality instruction; identify and close equity gaps and improve student learning engagement. Thank you for your patience, commitment, and support for Profile school.

Stay well,
Kerry

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