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Safe Return Plan for the 21/22 School Year

The Green Township School District is prepared to welcome all students back to school from 7:58 am – 2:15 pm daily. The school district will support all students in meeting their academic, social, and emotional well-being throughout the school day. All regular activities will resume including the changing of classes, use of lockers, club activities, extracurricular opportunities, and athletics. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria and will be provided with an option for a free daily lunch. Students will use all of the outdoor grounds and playground for recess. Students will not be required to wear masks while outdoors and during physical education classes. To the extent possible, field trips, assemblies, and other special events such as book fairs will be held.

Mask Wearing – Per Executive Order 251, all public, private, and parochial preschool programs and elementary and secondary schools, must maintain a policy regarding mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises, except in the following circumstances:

- a. When doing so would inhibit the individual's health, such as when the individual is exposed to extreme heat indoors;
- b. When the individual has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face masks without assistance;
- c. When a student's documented medical condition or disability, as reflected in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Educational Plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, precludes use of a face mask;
- d. When the individual is under two years of age;
- e. When the individual is engaged in activity that cannot physically be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating or drinking, or playing a musical instrument that would be obstructed by a face mask;
- f. When the individual is engaged in high-intensity aerobic or anaerobic activity;
- g. When a student is participating in high-intensity physical activities during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals;
- h. When wearing a face mask creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task.
- i. Students will be required to wear masks on all school buses.

Physical distancing - Social distancing of 3 feet will be maintained in the school building to the greatest extent possible. When possible, additional spacing will be

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utilized. Plexi-glass dividers are available but not required.

Hand Washing – Students will be provided with frequent opportunities to wash their hands. Hand sanitizer will be available where soap/water is not accessible.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities – Enhanced cleaning will be maintained in district with frequently touched surfaces being sanitized throughout the day as necessary. The fogger will be utilized in the evening to sanitize classrooms and the playground.

Contact Tracing and Quarantine – Per the New Jersey Department of Health, close contacts include non-vaccinated students/staff within 6 feet for a period of 15 minute cumulative on a daily basis. Students will be seated to reduce the number of potential close contacts in case of sickness and/or quarantine. The building principal and school nurse will communicate with families about any potential close contacts and need for quarantine. If a student is required to quarantine as a result of a directive from the New Jersey Department of Health, the school district, or their medical doctor due to exposure or sickness related to COVID-19, the student will be instructed remotely.

Screening – Parents are requested to monitor the health and well-being of their child. Children and staff experiencing any symptoms of sickness should not come to school. Staff members are requested to visually assess students who may be displaying signs of sickness and refer them to the school nurse.

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities - Consistent with requirements of IDEA and New Jersey Administrative Code Title 6A, Chapter 14 as well as guidance from the USDOE and the NJDOE, Green Hills School will continue to provide special education and related services to students with disabilities.

Academic Support - The Green Township School District continues to monitor student academic needs through the use of a variety of strategies. Data will be utilized to base instructional design decisions.

Social Emotional / Mental Health – All students and staff will be supported in their well-being. The guidance counselor and classroom teachers will establish a regular practice of checking in with students to see how they are feeling and if additional supports are required.

Attention to Growth Mindset – Our students will be encouraged to make progress every day in their learning. Building a growth mindset approach eliminates negative notions of somehow being behind and provides a daily opportunity to learn and develop skills in a positive way.