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Dear Parents and Students:

The first day of school is always an exciting event and we look forward to seeing all our students on *Zoom*. Our teachers are eager to begin the first day of their classes, meet their new students and engage in the curriculum. Stay tuned throughout the beginning of the year as schools communicate new and unique events for students, including our activity groups.

As we start the year with students at home, the following reminders are essential to ensure students can connect with their teachers on August 13.

Student Schedules and Attendance Expectations

When classes begin on August 13, students must use *Zoom* links provided by their teachers to join their classes at the scheduled time. Student schedules are available via [Infinite Campus](#). Teachers will take attendance each period and parents can verify their child's attendance record via [Infinite Campus](#).

Students are expected to participate in school every school day. Participation includes engaging through *Zoom* during the full class period and completing all expected assignments and instructional activities. Teachers will take attendance near the beginning of a class period and again near the end of the class period. Students' presence or absence will be reflected in the attendance record in Infinite Campus. The school will take appropriate follow-up action to resolve a student's unexplained absence from classes.

If a student will not be participating in classes, parents should call the school's attendance office to report their child's absence and provide the reason their child will not be participating. Staff members will inquire about the nature of the absence, including the presence of symptoms consistent with COVID infection. The names of students with such symptoms will be provided to the school nurse for follow up.

Zoom Links and Schoology Access Codes for Classes Coming

A reminder that teachers will establish *Zoom* links for each class during this week, prior to the first day of school. Each teacher will send their students an email to the student's school-provided email account containing *Zoom* links and *Schoology* access codes prior to the start of classes. Students also can check their class schedule in [Infinite Campus](#) to find their *Zoom* links. Additionally, *Zoom* links will be posted on each course's *Schoology* page.

Academic Support

A student's schedule can be seen in [Infinite Campus](#). Listed in the afternoon is a block of time for Academic Support. The purpose of the afternoon academic support time is to offer students access to unique learning opportunities to supplement classroom activities taking place during their morning class time. Each District 211 academic department has developed learning experiences to support their curriculum. Parents can help students sign up for extra support which will become available beginning August 24, the second full week of school. More information will be provided to students and parents prior to the start date to fully understand how to ensure students are making appointments to connect to the academic support to meet their needs.

Student Meals

A reminder that on Wednesday, August 12, no-contact curbside meal pick-up will be available at all District 211 schools from 1:00-2:00 p.m., prior to the start of meal deliveries during remote learning next week. Each 4-day meal bag contains breakfasts and lunches and are available free of charge for students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Otherwise, meal bags are available for purchase for \$16.80 each. Please bring either a student ID, student schedule, or proof of student registration to pick up meals. Details on no-contact, curbside meal bag pick-up are available [here](#).

Please continue to check the [Back to School August 2020](#) webpage to find copies of all communications for start of the 2020-2021 school year, as well as updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). If you have any trouble connecting the first day of school, please reach out to your school's main phone number so we can direct you to the correct person. Here's to a great beginning to our year!

Sincerely,

Lisa Small
Superintendent

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