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Dear Families,

It surely has been a busy week. Thank you to all the families who have completed the Parent Survey as to your decision for Hybrid or full time Remote Learning. This information along with the completion of the Teacher Survey will allow us to move forward with student placement with grade-level teachers and class lists. Teachers are currently working on Supply Lists which will be included with the placement letters as soon as they are ready. THANK YOU for your patience in this matter.

This past Tuesday night, Dr. Blake held a forum in hopes to clarify many of the unanswered questions families had about the two options: Hybrid or full Remote Learning. I recognize **some information has changed since the Grade-level Parent- Guardian ZOOM meetings last week due to discussions between Dr. Blake and the Administrative team.** I apologize if those changes made your decision-making more difficult.

Some key changes are:

- **ALL STUDENTS including Kindergarteners and 1st graders will need to wear masks while inside the building.** Please practice wearing masks with your children in the next few weeks at home so they become more comfortable. Remind them "We are all the new Super Heroes who wear masks to protect ourselves and everyone around us!" Some families have offered to start making children masks which we will be thrilled to have available to students who need them.
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 Hybrid choice will be 4 full days. After thinking it through with staff and the Admin team, any other arrangements would be challenging to schedule.
- Due to Doyon's high enrollment numbers in Grade 2, we are unable to offer a 4 day Hybrid option at this time. I need to continue to focus on the safety of our students and staff and minimize the overall number of people in the building.
- Hybrid students in Grades 2-5 will be placed in either the Monday/Tuesday A-La cohort or the Thursday/ Friday Le-Z cohort. I know how hard families are working with friends and neighbors to support each other on Remote days. If there are pairings of students/families on certain days, please let me know (and cc Amy Digby). I will try to accommodate these situations as best I can.
- All K-2 students will be given an iPad and Grade 3-5 students a Chromebooks to be used in school and for Remote learning. There will be no sharing of devices.
- Families: **Please return the borrowed iPads or Chromebooks from this spring.** The Technology department needs to inventory, sanitize, and update any apps for the upcoming school year.
- Joe Perna, IPS School Resource Officer (SRO) and I are working together to address some to the safety concerns that were brought up on the ZOOM's. We will be renting 2 large 30 x 45 tents and purchasing some smaller ones. These tents will be located in the backyard of Doyon.

At the Paul F. Doyon Memorial School, our vision is to create a joyful learning community of creative thinkers, innovative problem solvers and compassionate citizens of the world.

- There will no EDP for the upcoming school year.
- **SUMMER HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Find the tan tote bag given to each child from FRIES with your child's name on it and all the school belongings.** Please empty and clean it. The goal is all students who are attending the Hybrid model will bring the bag to school on the first day. Please plan to put inside the bag a beach towel or bath towel that can be used to sit on when social distancing and enjoying our outdoor space at different times of the school day. ALL Kindergarteners and new children to Doyon will receive their new tote bag when school starts.
- I believe this answers most of the questions from the ZOOM notes that were not addressed in Dr. Blake's "Return to Learn" document and from his Tuesday night Forum.
- I recognize that there are still other questions that still need to be addressed. We continue to problem-solve the many details that need to be worked out.

As new ideas and questions arise, please continue to feel free to reach out to me. Thank you again for your time and patience. Enjoy your weekend.

Sheila