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Dear Families,

We are back in business here at Doyon! Our teachers have been hard at work preparing their classrooms (both Remote and In-Person) and problem solving to find solutions that work in this unusual time. They have also been participating in Professional Development around Hybrid and Remote Learning. We are so lucky to have such talented and committed teachers here at Doyon.

Good news to share! We have hired Mrs. Siobhan Lemire as our new Doyon Nurse. We welcome her to our Doyon staff. IPS has also hired a District nurse for the upcoming school year who will be available to assist in all four of our schools.

All families should have received student placement letters on Wednesday. I appreciate your patience and understanding. Due to the many decisions and timing of these decisions at the district level such as which plan IPS would move forward with, which plan each family needed to make, what decision each staff member needed to make for themselves and their family situation and trying to meet the A-La/Lb-Z, and cohort needs; student placements were more challenging than anyone would ever know. We tried our best to create the best learning cohorts possible. I am looking forward to the start of the school year as I hope your children are also, whether they will be full-time Remote Learners or In-Person.

I want to be transparent with you about the realities of our space situation at Doyon so you and your child know what to expect. There will be approximately 175 students in the building each day. Obviously, some grade levels are larger than others. In Kindergarten two of the three classrooms will be utilizing overflow spaces (the Art room and the Math room) in order to maintain the required 6 feet of space. In second grade, we have a similar arrangement. In these classrooms, there will be two adults so that the adults can switch back and forth in order to teach all the children. In fifth grade, we have a very high number of Hybrid students. Ms. Eager's class will utilize the adjacent classroom. Ms. Brooke Eager and our Endicott fellow, Julie Champigny, who is a certified teacher, will co-teach in both classroom settings. Once again, the adults will move locations and students will be assigned one designated desk distanced 6 feet apart. There is no need for overflow spaces in the other grade levels at this time.

Meet the Teacher Dates can be found in the student placement letter. No worries if you are unable to attend. I just wanted to give families a chance to see the classroom and know where students would be entering the building each day.

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If you have not yet returned any devices that were distributed last spring, please drop them by Doyon when you come to meet your child's teacher or drop them off any day between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm.

In order to keep everyone safe, we will be requiring students and staff to wear masks while they are at school. Please review the Face Covering Policy that was sent out by Dr. Blake this week. We urge you to practice wearing a mask with your child in order to facilitate a smoother transition to wearing it for longer periods of time during our school day.

Information about bussing, lunches, and other needed information will be forthcoming. Have a nice Labor Day weekend. We can't wait to see everyone the week of September 14th!

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