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Mingus Families and Community Members,

I would like to inform you of our efforts to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff during the new school year. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, our understanding of how this virus is transmitted, and thus prevented, has evolved. We will continue to encourage, but not require, the use of face coverings and will continue to deploy classroom and office space air purifiers in order to mitigate the airborne transmission of the virus.

Other components of our mitigation and response plan include the following:

- We will encourage anyone who feels ill to stay at home and to consider a COVID-19 test if symptoms are present.
- Continued efforts to maintain a healthy environment by sanitizing frequently touched surfaces and to encourage the use of hand sanitizer and frequent handwashing.
- We will continue to encourage families to get their students vaccinated or boosted as a preventative measure.
- Encouragement to create physical distancing when possible.
- Continue efforts to notify in a timely fashion all students and staff members of potential exposure to positive cases of COVID-19.
- We will no longer enforce an automatic quarantine for close contacts, but we will ask those who have been exposed to get tested and to self-monitor for any symptoms.
- Upon request by school employees, we will provide rapid testing as per local guidelines. If a student is showing COVID-like symptoms, and with permission or upon request by the parent/guardian, we may administer a free rapid test depending upon the inventory of available test kits. Yavapai County has provided a CDR reporting form for reporting the results of COVID-19 tests.
- If any symptoms appear or a positive test result is obtained, students and staff will be directed to isolate at home for the recommended period from the onset of symptoms or the positive test result.
- We will communicate directly if an outbreak occurs on campus so that students and families may determine their best options.

It is our sincere desire and mission to provide the safest and most productive learning environment possible. It is out of this desire that we implement the strategies above based on the most recent and credible information available. We thank you for sharing in our mission and for your continued support and membership in our educational community.

Sincerely,

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