Dear TRMMS Families,

I hope this letter finds you healthy. These are strange times and I know that we have all been affected at different levels. As a school community, we are looking forward to coming back to school and finding some normalcy in life. We have created an entire reopening plan, based on recommendations from the State of CT, the CDC and the Department of Public Health. You have read the district plan, and the purpose of this letter is to explain what that looks like here at Two Rivers. The official plan can be found here:

**TRMMS Re-opening plan**

As we re-open, our number one priority is to make it as safe as possible for our students and staff. The entire plan went out with the superintendent's letter and will be posted on our website, but I will use this opportunity to give you specific information. I think the best way to do that is to take the day from start to finish, so you can see it through your child’s eyes.

1. If your child rides the bus, they will get on the bus while wearing their masks, and masks will stay on for the duration of the trip. Students will sit according to stop, with the first stop going all the way to the back of the bus. When students reload the bus at the end of the day, we will have them sit in the same seats as the AM ride.

2. When the buses arrive at school, the students will enter the building through grade specific stairwells.
   a. 6th graders will use the entrance and stairway by music hallway (right side of building from bus circle), and proceed up the stairs by room 324 and proceed to 6th grade wing. Upon arrival they will report directly to their homerooms.
   b. 7th graders will use the entrance and stairway to the left of the bus circle and proceed up the stairs by room 312 and enter the 7th grade wing. Upon arrival they will report directly to their homerooms.
   c. 8th graders will use the main stairway and proceed to the 8th grade wing. Upon arrival they will report directly to their homerooms.
   d. Any late bus will proceed up the main stairway. Upon arrival they will report directly to their homerooms.

3. Students who are dropped off by their parents will enter through the side door and be directed to a grade appropriate stairwell.

4. Once in the homeroom, the students will be given breakfast and will take turns, by homeroom, to visit their lockers.

5. The students will remain in these cohorts for the entire day, with only a few exceptions.
   a. Chorus and band students will be pulled out by cohort for lessons/class, but will not mix with students from other cohorts.
   b. Students who receive speech and language, counseling, or small group instruction will be pulled from their rooms for these services.
6. The day will be a 5 period day, but the students will remain in one place and the teachers will go to them, with the following exceptions for encore classes:
   a. Teachers will come and escort the cohort to the following classes, if applicable:
      i. Band/Orchestra lessons
      ii. Chorus
      iii. PE
      iv. Mr. Schmidek’s class
      v. Ms. Doll’s class
   b. NOTE: In order to reduce interaction, encore teachers have been assigned to teams. Therefore, choice of encore is on hold (except for pull out band lessons), until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

7. During each class the students will have the opportunity to stretch and stand, staying within their 5 feet of space. Students will have access to hand sanitizer and disinfectant throughout the day.

8. Once the school year is underway, students will take their chromebooks home everyday to charge, as will not be using the charging carts at school.

9. Each cohort will have 30 minutes either before or after lunch to go outside for a mask break. They will be assigned to an outdoor location where they will have room to spread out and remove their masks.

10. At lunch the students will remove their masks and sit 6 feet apart.

11. At dismissal, students will utilize the same stairwells they did upon arrival, and be reminded to sit in the same seat on the bus.

I would also like to reiterate that students and staff are REQUIRED to wear a mask all day, except for PE (if assigned), lunch and the designated mask break time. If your child has a medical condition that precludes this, you must inform our school nurse. Any child who refuses to wear a mask will be disciplined accordingly. They will be given the opportunity to put their mask on, and if they refuse, we will be calling to have them picked up and they will remain in isolation until they can be picked up. We are very serious about this, so please make sure your child understands this. We will not jeopardize anyone’s safety if a student cannot comply.

Our goal is to make school a safe place for all, so we can get back to the business of learning. We miss the kids and are excited to see them. Please make sure you complete the enrollment form from the previous email. You may either have your child physically attend TRMMS or they may enroll in the CREC Distance Learning Academy. Either way, You can also access the form here:

CREC Two Rivers Enrollment Choice

I will be holding zoom meetings to take any questions, so please join in if you would like.

Sincerely,
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