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Dear Families,

The 2021-2022 school year will begin very soon, and I want to share the below information with you regarding COVID-19 protocols.

- Masks are optional for students, staff, and visitors.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, he/she will be quarantined for ten (10) days.
- If a child is quarantined for 10 days, a team of staff (principal, nurse, teachers, etc.) will work with the family to determine the best learning practices for the child while they are out (such as work sent home, virtual learning, etc.), as we would typically do for any extended absence. (Self-quarantining for other reasons is not acceptable).
- The district will not be tracking students and sending them home due to “close contact” as we did last year, rather our school nurse will monitor any students with symptoms and work closely with families on next steps. We will be encouraging families to keep their children home if they are sick and/or exhibit multiple symptoms associated to COVID-19.
- Our nurse and others will carefully monitor our positive cases throughout our school district.
- We will have a COVID-19 Dashboard on the Valders website, which will be updated weekly.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your family a wonderful start to the 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

Debra Hunt, PhD
Superintendent