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Dear 5th and 6th Grade Families,

Allow me to say something that I have been waiting to scream from the mountain tops: WELCOME BACK! While not all families have decided to send students back to school, we do have a nice number who will make their 2020 debut as students in the great EBIS building. I would like to briefly discuss a few important reminders and some new information, so please read the bullet points below:

- Students will be in school M,Tu,Th,F from 7:59AM-2:43PM. We are returning to a 6 Day Letter Schedule, A-F days. (Please note: this is a change from what we have done during the remote learning model during the month of September).
- Lockers will NOT be assigned to students attending school, however backpacks are allowed and students will keep their bags with them at their desks.
- Students are allowed to wear face shields as long as they also wear a mask underneath. Face shields that are worn alone are not permitted.
- Students in both grade levels will follow a new schedule that will be posted to Google Classroom. In order for students who will be working remotely to have a full complement of courses that aligned with the students in school, some changes have been made. <u>PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK GOOGLE CLASSROOMS ON MONDAY MORNING FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO WILL REMAIN REMOTE LEARNERS FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES</u>.
- As mentioned previously, students will have minimal movement during the day. Both
 grade levels will be eating lunch outside of the classroom. Students in 5th Grade will
 be having lunch in the EBIS Gymnasium and Students in 6th Grade will eat in the
 cafeteria. Additionally, students who have 9th period Tech, Robotics, or Coding will
 be allowed to move to those classrooms as well. Outside of these two times during
 the day, students will remain in the same classroom setting.
- Advisory has been suspended for the week of October 5th. Students will disembark from the buses and enter through the High School entrance for a temperature check and then proceed directly to their 1st period class, while social distancing. Students at home will report to 1st period. A decision on how Advisory will work under the hybrid model will be announced next week. For students being dropped off, they should go to the same drop-off area (on the side of the building) as last year and they will be given a temperature check and proceed to 1st period class.
- The building has been clearly marked, with signage, arrows, and spacing reminders from every location.

I am fully confident in the plan we have in place. There will be, inevitably, adjustments to what we have now, but those adjustments will be communicated swiftly.

Finally, *Together We Will* is the EBIS Family motto this year and, as I shared with staff: together we will feel success and together we will have moments when we feel setbacks or languish; but, TOGETHER is the only way WE WLL!! Stay healthy, stay positive, and stay in touch...we are in a better position now than we have been in a long while...and, as always, GO WARRIORS!!!

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