



Hello Stony Creek Families!

I hope this communication finds you doing well and enjoying the summer! As we get closer to July 31st when you have to decide if your family will choose in-school or virtual learning I wanted to share some details that are specific to Stony Creek. I am also including some images to give you an idea of what things will look like in the building this year.

Please also refer to the FAQ that was sent out last week. We are in the process of updating that document and will send it out later this week.

As you may have heard Dr. Crisfield share in the School Board meetings, we will social distance within the classroom to the greatest extent possible. Children will be required to wear masks or face coverings in the classroom unless they have a documented medical issue. At Stony Creek, “to the greatest extent possible” means anywhere between 4 to 6 feet between students while in the classroom. This will depend on the enrollment in each classroom. I should have our numbers next week.

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Classrooms

Below are some images of Stony Creek classrooms. The students would be seated 4-6 feet apart in these rooms. The distance between students is measured by the student, not the end of the desk. There are over 20 desks in a couple of these photos. This set up also allows for the teacher to be distanced 5 feet or greater from the students when the teacher is at the front of the room. It also allows students to move throughout the room when needed.



Lunch

During lunch students will not be wearing masks, so we will need to ensure and adhere to the 6 foot distance. This is going to mean there will be quite a bit of “empty” space in the cafeteria and that we will need to use other spaces for lunch. Traditionally, we have had overlapping lunches at Stony Creek, with two grade levels seated in the cafeteria at one time. Our capacity in the cafeteria has been 240 students. Now, we will be seating between 36-42 students in the cafeteria. Only one grade level will be in the lunch spaces at a time. The images below show the spacing at the café tables. In the cafeteria, markers will be placed on the benches where a student will be

seated. Students will sit on one side of the table and will all face the same way. We will utilize four other spaces as lunch spaces including classrooms that are not being used, the library mod, and the music mod. At all times, students will remain 6 feet apart during lunch.



Limiting Exposure to Other Students

Our Encore teachers, with the exception of Physical Education, will be traveling to our homerooms to conduct their lessons. While this will be a challenging task for our teachers, this will allow our students to remain in their classroom and reduce the likelihood they will be in contact with other cohorts of students. Our goal is to keep our students in their cohorts as much as possible. Recess and outdoor breaks will take place as a grade level with each class having a designated area to play in weather permitting. Our playground equipment will not be used. We will create activities for students where they don't have to touch equipment. These activities may include obstacle courses and other games that don't require the use of hands.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

We will be revising our arrival and dismissal procedures. I am anticipating an increase in parent drop-off and pick-up, and we need to be able to make sure our process not only allows for increased traffic but also social distancing. We will be letting fewer students out of cars at a time. We will only dismiss one bus at a time and monitor students entering and exiting the building to ensure masks are worn and social distance is being observed during these high traffic times. There will be other things to consider and I will be able to give you more specific details when we know how students will attend school in-person.

Our Approach with Masks and Social Distancing

I personally believe that all the spacing and procedures any school puts in place will not be effective unless we help the students understand the purpose. At the beginning of the school year teachers teach the procedures and routines in their classrooms. This year those procedures will include wearing a mask and social distancing. Students need to understand that their decisions matter. Their choices matter and they have the ability to keep others safe.

Construction

Construction is moving forward at Stony Creek. We are in the process of constructing the temporary parking areas, moving and replacing the playground and creating new hard play areas. If you come by school now you will see lots of dirt. The music and library mods have also been moved to the kindergarten playground. A door leading to the mods from the B hallway will be

constructed soon. We will also be fencing in the construction zone to keep everyone safe. Teachers and students will be using the exits at the end of the B, C and D hallways to get outside to the play areas.

I hope you found this to be helpful in making a decision for your child for this school year. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
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