

Dear Brown School Families,

We hope that you and your family have been able to enjoy a safe and healthy summer break. The past few months have been challenging for our community, we recognize that there are many questions about what the return to school plan will look like for our students. I can assure you that our staff has worked closely with our local Health Department to put a plan and protocols in place that will allow us to return to school as safely as possible. School is set to begin on September 8th and our intention is to return to daily Face-to-Face Instruction as long as the State of Michigan remains in Phase 4 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan in response to COVID-19.

At Brown School we will be putting measures in place to create grade level cohorts to reduce the number of contacts for each student and we will observe social distancing when possible. The attached plan includes detailed information and expectations. Some important points from our plan are included below:

- Face masks will be required at all times in the building. Students that have a medical issue that prevents them from wearing a mask must provide a doctor's note stating as such.
- It is crucial that parents self-screen students prior to attending school each morning. It is also critical that all students have multiple emergency contacts listed. In the event that your child becomes ill, an adult will be required to pick them up as soon as possible and they will not be permitted to board the bus at the end of the day.
- Students will have the opportunity to use the restroom throughout the school day. Safety procedures will be in place.
- We will not be sharing supplies in the classroom. SJPS will supply all necessary supplies. If you choose to purchase supplies for your child and/ or to donate to others, a suggested supply list will be provided in our Back to School communications.
- It is also suggested that students bring a reusable water bottle each day that can be refilled at our bottle filling stations. Drinking fountains will not be available for use.

As always, student safety is our top priority. If you have any questions regarding our plan or your child's return to school, please feel free to contact me at kbawks@sjschools.org.

Sincerely,

Kristen Bawks, Principal