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GMS Families,

The next few weeks will include intense preparations for the return to school and some important decisions for all of you and your families. At Gladeville Middle School, we do not take lightly our duty to protect and serve your children, and we vow this year to **“Keep Students at the Center”** of all we do. First and foremost in our decision making is the responsibility to keep our students and staff safe in the midst of a global pandemic. Attached to this message you will find a document entitled **“GMS Health and Safety Protocols”** that explains the modified processes for arrival, dismissal, transitions, breakfast and lunch procedures, nurse visits, and many other important operating procedures within the school day. We can assure you that these processes have been carefully considered and designed to best protect students and staff. However, they will not be simple to execute. The implementation of these procedures will require a highly coordinated staff effort and the full cooperation of students and families in order to work smoothly. While these protocols will restrict student movements and take away some of the freedoms that your children may be used to as middle schoolers, they are absolutely necessary to mitigate the risk that Covid-19 poses to our students and staff.

As you read these guidelines and the re-entry plans that will be published soon, we ask one thing of you: please read them through constructive eyes and recognize the positive intent each staff member who played a part in designing these protocols has for your children’s safety. Please explain these protocols in an optimistic light to your students and maintain a supportive tone when explaining how the 2020-21 school year will look. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact any member of our administrative team at the email addresses listed below. We will do our very best to answer all of your questions in a timely manner.

We feel blessed to work with your children, and we approach this school year with excitement and determination to reach students where they are, connect deeply with all learners, and foster supportive relationships among our student body. We won’t let this pandemic take away our school pride or dampen our ability to excel in all we do. We will get creative, we will innovate, and we will show grit and resilience each day because WE ARE GLADEVILLE!

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