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School Opening Plan:

Prevention, Containment and Continuity

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We have designed the following plan to provide a safe environment for campus learning. The first day of School will be August 10th. Open house will be virtual to maintain social distancing. During Open House students will meet their teachers and will see their classrooms and school.

APBS will be utilizing a hybrid teaching approach. At risk students will have the opportunity to learn online; using Google Meet and multiple digital platforms. Teachers will post work online and will have video conferences during the school day. At risk students will receive the same materials, assignments, assessments and instructions of traditional students. Traditional students (for lack of a better term) will meet daily on campus but will complete a lot of their work via Google Classroom. Parents interested in enrolling their students for our virtual school will have to complete a virtual school application. Virtual school rules, schedule etc. will be provided at the time of enrollment. Students enrolled in APBS VR will have the option to come on campus once a week to return or pick up materials.

Both of these mentioned learning approaches have benefits and risks. As parents we want to give you the opportunity to have choices, but only you can decide what is best for your children based on their health issues.

I. **Prevention** will include:

A. Morning Routine: Temperature checks at the entrance. All persons temperature will be taken, no one will be allowed on the premises with a fever of 100 F or higher. Please wait for your child to be allowed on campus before driving off. Masks/ face shields are recommended for all students and required for all staff.

B. Classroom Safety: Teachers and students will participate in wiping classrooms daily. Maintenance staff will sanitize all areas after school utilizing professional equipment.

C. Social Distancing: Sending your child to school comes with unavoidable risks. At APBS we are working on minimizing those risks by providing protocols and trained staff that will promote and implement such protocols. Please know that leaving your child at home has also a set of risks, including lack of academic, social and mental growth.

Students' desks will be separated to promote social distancing. The amount of classroom furniture has been minimized and materials will not be shared. Supplies list will be a little different this year, please read them carefully and help us labeling all of your child's items. Classes will continue to be small and students will have a limited amount of elective classes. This will ensure they spend most of their time separate

from other grades.

D. Supplies List: Please consider obtaining a tablet for your child. Make sure the tablet has a strong cover that will prevent breakage if accidentally dropped. Students will use tablets daily for classwork and in the event of an emergency for virtual school.

Please plan to purchase a plastic container to keep your child's items separate. We recommend a rectangle clear storage 6 quarts container. A detailed description of other supplies will be provided during open house.

E. Morning announcements and Devotion will happen virtually during the first period of the day. Students attending classes on campus will watch devotions at 8:15 am in their respective classrooms and at risk students enrolled in the APBS Virtual School Program will join using a link provided by the first period teacher. This will ensure no large gatherings happen on campus.

F. Sports: For the moment we do not have a clear plan for our Cheerleading, Basketball and Volleyball programs.

II. **Containment** will include:

A. Active identification of sick students and staff will happen daily. In the case of a sick staff member a substitute will be placed in the classroom. Symptomatic individuals will have to leave the premises and quarantine for 14 days. No staff or students will be welcome back on campus without a doctor's note.

B. Fevers are a serious matter: If a child develops a fever, the parent will be contacted for pick up.

C. If a child is diagnosed with Covid19 or Kawasaki, students of that classroom may be quarantined, (CDC may be responsible for this determination). Further instructions will follow. We may have to ask the classroom teacher to teach virtually for a period of time.

III. **Continuity** will include:

Even after taking the necessary measures we can expect to have an outbreak. We must be ready to continue providing services despite outbreaks.

All teachers must have Google Classroom for all their students

All teachers will be prepared to teach virtually in the event students are sent home due to symptoms or if the entire class is put under quarantine

- A. **Cafeteria** Changes: To facilitate social distancing meal times have been arranged differently. An outdoors picnic area is now available during lunch times. A limited number of students will be allowed per table. Floor and table decals will remind students to follow protocols. Additional staff has been assigned to monitor compliance.
- B. **Transitions** in the hallways: Decals on the floor will serve as a reminder to keep a distance. Please remind your students to follow directions and avoid kissing or hugging friends, (this is indeed difficult). We are hoping students will start using a fist bump or other 'touchless' ways to greet their friends.
- C. **Extended Day Services:** Both morning care (7am-8 am) and Extend day day (3pm-6pm) will have a limited amount of students. Please secure your space by contacting the office.

APBS Virtual School: As mentioned previously parents will have the option to enroll students in our APBS Virtual School or APBS VS. We have students with very serious illnesses that are at a high risk. This option will allow them to participate in class virtually daily and to come in for graduation or other events if so they choose.

In the event of an outbreak; learning could continue from home (similarly to the 2019-2020 fourth Quarter last year).

It is essential that you teach and encourage students to follow the protocols in place. We encourage you to send your child with protective equipment (whatever you feel comfortable with). Encourage your child to use these specially during transitions.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping our community safe,

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