#### **Poudre School District**

# Lesher Middle School, an International Baccalaureate World School

1400 Stover Street Fort Collins, CO 80524



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Dear Viking F-A-M-I-L-Y (Students, Parents & Staffulty):

Are you ready for Lesher's GRAND RE-OPENING, our second 1st day or school? We sure are! We'll welcome our 6<sup>th</sup> graders to our annual Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) orientation on Monday, 10/19 (group A) and Tuesday, 10/20 (group B). Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have 2 more days of phase 1 remote learning on Monday, 10/19 and Tuesday, 10/20 and join our 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, 10/21 (group A) and Thursday, 10/22 (group B). Phase 3 A/B groups will follow a blue/blue and gold/gold weekly routine Monday – Thursday as opposed to our phase 1/phase 4 blue/gold sequence. So, Monday, 10/19 (blue group A), Tuesday, 10/20 (blue group B), Wednesday, 10/21 (gold group A), Thursday, 10/22 (gold group B). Friday will still be blue/gold classes asynchronously. I'm sure most of us wish we could be back to normal with our classmates and sports, clubs, concerts, etc., but we've got to get through phase 3 to get to phase 4. And we will get there. The Lesher staff has worked hard to develop safety protocols and instructional plans for ½ of our students on campus and ½ of our students online in concert with PSD. Lesher Vikings are strong, compassionate, and resilient, and there has not been a time in our 61-year existence when those qualities have been more needed then now. What follows is a **LIST OF SAFETY PROTOCOLS** we expect our staff and students to adhere to. We're not just about getting students and staff back on campus, where about keeping them here, and we need your help to make that happen.

#### 3 W's:

✓ Wear your mask. 2) Wash your hands. 3) Watch your distance.

# Every morning, before coming to school:

- ✓ Adults complete attached CDHE symptom check for your student(s). If ill, stay home.
- ✓ Students and staff wear a mask that always covers your nose and mouth, except for social distanced mask breaks and while eating breakfast or lunch.
- ✓ No hallway of gym lockers will be provided. Bring your backpack with only the supplies you need for that day.

### Entering in the building:

- ✓ Enter via right-side entrance doorways. Follow the rules of the road and keep right.
- ✓ Utilize hand sanitizer at each entrance.
- ✓ Walk on the right side of hallways. Follow floor arrows and stay 6 feet from others.
- Report directly to your period 1 class, unless you need breakfast, which you may eat socially distanced in the cafeteria, or outside patio. Sack breakfasts available 7:45 – 8am daily. Students can pick up 1 for that morning and 1 for remote learning the next day.

## Hallways:

- ✓ Walk on the right-hand side of the hallways along the blue flooring.
- ✓ Follow arrows on the ground and maintain a 6 feet distance from others.
- ✓ No congregating in the hallways. Just keep walking, walking, walking...
- ✓ Fill your own water bottle at the filling stations, instead of drinking from the fountains.



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- Use available hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Proceed to your assigned seat and stay in your assigned seat unless asked to move.
- ✓ Face the front of the room.
- ✓ Wear your mask all the time unless your teacher gives you a mask break outdoors.

## **Leaving classrooms:**

- ✓ Teachers dismiss class, not the bell.
- ✓ Use the available hand sanitizer in each classroom as needed.
- ✓ Exit the room and walk to your next class along the right side of the hallway.
- ✓ Do not congregate in the hallways; keep a healthy distance from others.

# **Restrooms:**

- ✓ Student capacity in the restroom cannot exceed the number of sinks in the bathroom; honor the instructions on the sign on the restroom doors.
- Maintain social distancing.
- ✓ Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds.

#### Cafeteria:

- ✓ Our 3 lunches are staggered by grade level for cleaning and to prevent long lunch and microwave lines.
- ✓ Follow floor signage and maintain distance while in the cafeteria or outside.
- ✓ Always wear a mask unless eating or 6 feet from others outside.
- ✓ Eat in the cafeteria, on the patio, on the outdoor classroom rocks, or on the bleachers and benches. Clean up after yourself using our compost, recycling, and landfill station.
- ✓ Eat with the same cohort/friend group in the same area as much as possible. If you eat at a cafeteria table, you must sign the sign-in sheet at that table.

### **Outdoor Expectations:**

- ✓ The bin of sports equipment (balls, frisbees, etc.) will be sanitized between lunches.
- ✓ Use the available hand sanitizer or wash your hands upon re-entering the building.

### Leaving the Building:

✓ Follow floor arrows, walk on the right side of the hallways, stay 6 feet from others, and exit the building promptly via the right-side door at dismissal.

# Health Office and Locker Rooms:

✓ Our health office is staffed all day by health technician Cathy Tucci to dispense medication and respond to health-related issues. Ill students will be isolated and supervised in our locker rooms as necessary until they can be picked up by a parent/guardian, as we will not be using locker rooms for PE class. School nurse Chard Smith is shared amongst 4 schools and is on site 1-2 days per week, or as needed.

Please see our attached quarter 2 **DAILY BELL SCHEDULE** (Monday – Thursday, periods 1 – 5) and **BLUE-BLUE-GOLD-GOLD DAY CALENDAR** (Monday Blue A, Tuesday Blue B, Wednesday, Gold A, Thursday, Gold B). Our **INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN** for quarter 2, phase 3, A/B groups continues to honor the whole child with 6-7 courses per grade level and like quarter 1, phase 1 remote learning we does not include period 6 Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) in favor of



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more time in periods 1-5. Fridays remain the same in quarter 2, phase 3 with asynchronous work assigned via teacher learning pages and Google Classroom, teachers holding office hours, and small groups of students on campus as needed for extra help, clubs, activities, etc.

During the 2 remote learning days per week in quarter 2, phase 3, A/B (Monday/Wednesday Group B, or Tuesday/Thursday Group A) students can expect:

- ✓ Students will join their class' Google Meets synchronously at the beginning of each class.
- ✓ Teachers will direct how much of the class period remote students remain synchronously learning with their in-person peers. The amount of time will vary depending on the grade level, subject area, and daily lesson plan, i.e. in one class, students may check in for 5-10minutes for attendance, learning target, and tasks to complete in Google Classroom and then be released to complete work asynchronously. The teacher will answer questions the following day when students are in-person. In another class, students may remain on the Google Meets call after the check-in for 30 – 45 minutes of synchronous teacher-directed time as in-person class periods are now 88 minutes long.
- ✓ Teachers will determine each class' schedule daily and direct students as necessary. Students may be expected to check back in before the period ends.
- ✓ Teachers will be mindful of total screen time and students' mental health by providing brain breaks and small group/individual check-ins regularly as our quarter 1, phase 1, synchronous online time was 8:30am – 12pm, while our quarter 2, phase 3, A/B in-person time is now 8am - 2.55pm with  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our students on campus and  $\frac{1}{2}$  at home.

# **FINAL THORSday REMINDERS**

- ✓ Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences Tue., 11/10 & Thu., 11/12. 3 7PM, 5-minute meetings at home on Microsoft Teams in 10-minuite windows as no visitors allowed in building. Sign up through Teacher Learning pages beginning Monday, 11/2.
- ✓ School Pictures, Wed., 10/28 (Group A) & Thu., 10/29 (Group B), 8AM 2PM.
- ✓ Voluntary athletic camps and clinics, except wrestling and competitions against other schools may begin on Monday, 10/19. Coaches will communicate opportunities as they develop. Only students at school that day can participate, Group A Mon./Wed., Group B on Tue./Thu. Safety protocols will be in place. Click this link to our website to learn more: https://les.psdschools.org/athletics-activities.

W-I-N = What's Important Now! F-A-M-I-L-Y = Forget About Me I Love You! Stay positive. Test negative. We can do this!

#### Shine on,

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