



Dear Riverview Parents,

We hope you are excited as we are for tomorrow's first day of school! As opening day is upon us, we wanted to reach out with a few important reminders:

1. **Masks** – As previously stated, Riverview is requiring all students to wear a mask. Masks can only be removed when eating or drinking (at lunch), or when outside and physically distanced from others. Please send each student to school with a snugly fitting mask and try to provide a backup mask as well (and a plastic bag to place any soiled masks in safely). Please take this precaution seriously. We want to start the year off on a positive note (free of conflict and distractions), and truly celebrate the students being with us in person. Also, as our Health Community is suggesting, we recommend that you encourage masks to be worn indoors when your children are with those outside of the family. This will help us to continue to be safe, and keep Covid from affecting our schools negatively. Thank you so much!
2. **Covid-19 Protocol** – Please report any positive cases of Covid-19 to us. When we are informed of a positive case, it is reported to our District Health Staff (school nurses and administration) and the Allegheny Health Department. We then begin a strict contact tracing protocol to determine if there are any “close contacts” with the infected individual(s). Remember, for masked students, “close contact” is defined as being less than 3ft from an infected student, for more than 15 consecutive minutes. If we determine that your child is in close contact, we will reach out to you with further guidance, with isolation requirements to follow. If you don't receive contact from the school, then there is nothing to worry about, and your child should continue as planned. In addition, we ask that you carefully monitor the health of your child each morning. To aide you in this process, we have posted our [morning checklist](#) on the District website. If your child is experiencing any symptoms, please err on the side of caution and keep them home, contact our District Health Staff, and contact your primary physician for further guidance.

3. **School Breakfasts and Lunches** - Metz Culinary Management will once again be providing breakfasts and lunches to the Riverview School District for the 2021-22 school year. As Riverview still qualifies for the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), ***meals will be FREE for all students this year***. As always, Metz's menu options will be prepared to the highest safety standards and will include a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grain breads, and an entrée, sandwich, or salad selection that your child will love while providing them with meals that meet the State nutrition standards. They will also be offering Ala carte items to those students who have money in their accounts (please note, however, that ala carte is not part of SSO and will not be a free). The "grab and go" breakfasts in the classroom are currently suspended due to safety concerns. That said, we hope you take full advantage of this great opportunity to receive free breakfasts and lunches.

4. **Rising Enrollment** – We are happy to report that our enrollment numbers continue to rise in the District. This is great news. As a result, we had to make a few adjustments to the teaching assignments to maintain equitable learning opportunities for all Riverview students. We owe a debt of gratitude to our experienced, professional, and competent Staff for their continued efforts to prepare for the start of the year. They will be smiling and waiting anxiously for the students to arrive tomorrow morning!

5. **Vaccinations** – Please make sure that all eligible family members are fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated families will help us to keep Covid out of our buildings, keep our students and families safe, and help to avoid unnecessary isolations and quarantines. We appreciate this, thank you.

6. **Riverview State of the District Report** – The Riverview School District has released the [2021-2022 State of the District Report](#). This report provides a comprehensive yearly overview of the District, including demographics, academic performance, finance, building and grounds, accolades, and goals and initiatives for the upcoming year. Please share this document with others and spread the word regarding the world class education we provide. We thank the Board of Education, our outstanding Staff, and our supportive community for providing the nurturing environment that only a family like ours can generate. We certainly have much to celebrate!

7. **Patience, Kindness, and Empathy** – These are trying times for us all. People have a host of competing views regarding the virus, masks, society, health and wellness, politics, etc. Let's continue to show compassion for others, be kind and patient, and continue to support the District and appreciate its value and duty to educate and keep our students safe. This is our Riverview family. Families can disagree, but still support and care for each other. Let's do that!

Please continue to stay happy, peaceful, and safe, and have a great first day of school!

Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration