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Dear Parent/ Guardian(s),

I first want to thank you for your patience and understanding during the shutdown. Bussing is an essential component of our schools' operations. I am happy to report that we should have full bus service starting tomorrow Tuesday 9/14/2021. Many of you have had questions about notification etc. Below are FAQ that I feel will answer most questions or concerns. We will also be posting all COVID updates to our website FRRSD.org each day. If you have a question or concern that are not listed, please let me know.

1. If grades are having lunch and recess together, with masks off, then all parents of all three grades should be notified whenever there is a case in any one of those grades. Also, because the buses are filled with children from all different grades, I feel that every parent should be notified every time there is a case in the school. Other schools notify parents whenever there is a case in the school. **Moving forward all parents will be informed of positive cases and in which grade level/ Bus they occurred.**
2. I am concerned about classrooms having their afternoon snack and mask break inside their classroom. Can you guarantee that our children are safe doing that? Would it be possible to have their afternoon break outdoors like they did last year? **Effective immediately all mask and snack breaks will be outside (weather permitting). Once cold weather arrives, we will have to reevaluate this.**
3. If a child must quarantine for ten days due to a positive test, what will be done to prevent him or her from falling too far behind? **Students will be sent homework to try to keep them current. Nothing replaces in-person learning, but we will do everything possible to help make sure students do not fall behind**
4. If a student in one grade tests positive, will their siblings in other grades also be required to quarantine? **Yes for 10 days and they must be symptom-free to return after the 10 days.**
5. Do the children have time to wash their hands throughout the day, especially before snack and lunch to prevent the spread of COVID? **Students are prompted to wash before every snack, entering the lunchroom, and upon exiting and reentering the classroom.**

Again I thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through these challenging times.

Regards,



Thomas Nadolny
Principal / Superintendent