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Durkee Community:

With just six weeks to go until school starts, we are beginning to prepare for students' return to classrooms in August.

As you may know, all HISD schools will return to 100 percent in-person instruction this fall. That means all students must report to campus, as no virtual learning will be offered.

I'm sure some of you may have questions about this upcoming school year and how it will impact your family. Please know that the safety of our students and staff is always our top priority.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in-person classroom learning has not been associated with substantial community transmission throughout the pandemic. Earlier this month, the CDC issued new guidelines urging school to fully reopen in the fall.

To ensure a safe transition, the district will maintain the following protocols:

- Urging students, staff, and essential visitors to stay home when sick
- Providing masks upon request and allowing them to be worn in schools and buildings but not requiring them per state mandate
- Keeping plexiglass dividers in place
- Cleaning and disinfecting all schools and buildings nightly
- Limiting visitation to essential visitors with pre-scheduled appointments

More detailed information will be provided in the coming weeks as the district releases its back-to-school plan for the coming year. Please keep an eye out for it.

As you know, HISD's Communicable Disease Plan — a living document that governs health and safety protocols during public health emergencies — will be formally deactivated on Aug. 2. However, the Communicable Disease Plan Committee, a cross-functional team that developed the plan, will continue meeting regularly to monitor local conditions and public health guidance.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact our school office.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Aug. 23!

Sincerely,

Alicia Puente,

Principal