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We are excited to have each of our students back for the 2021-22 school year! Our teachers and staff worked throughout summer break, and they continue to work hard to ensure another great year of learning.

The health and safety of all Tigers is paramount, and as we are all aware, our community is still dealing with the issues related to COVID-19 and a recent trend of rising cases. We will continue to do our best to keep everyone abreast of any changes in our status related to the virus. To this end, please monitor all of Fayetteville City Schools' social media and our app since updates often happen rapidly.

Our current guidance from the Tennessee Department of Health is that contact tracing and decisions/guidance to quarantine will be the responsibility of the Tennessee Department of Public Health and our local Health Department. Fayetteville City Schools will continue to notify close contacts as a courtesy to our students, faculty, staff, and parents. For example, if we become aware of a positive COVID-19 case in our school system, we will reach out via email, phone call, and/or written notification to students we believe may have been exposed or in close contact. Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 or who are exposed to COVID-19 in their homes should quarantine immediately and contact their health provider and the local Department of Health at 931-433-3231 for guidance on when it will be safe to return to school. While quarantined or absent from school for any reason, please contact the appropriate school principal for information regarding your student's education and class assignments.

Fayetteville City Schools implements social distancing when appropriate and possible. At this time, we have not mandated face masks while at school or extracurricular activities; however, we strongly recommend our teachers, staff, students, and visitors wear masks to help ensure health and safety of everyone on campus.

We deeply appreciate all of the community support our system received during the 2020-21 school year and look forward to a great 2021-22 school year, as well.

Go Tigers!

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