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Dear Dayton Families,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and have been able to spend memorable time with friends and family. Your school district family is recharging and will be ready soon to welcome you back to school—next month on Tuesday, Sept 7th!!

We are excited to be in the planning process for the upcoming school year with hope restored for a normal school year!

Last week the Dayton Board of Trustees re-affirmed the District's Reopening Plan. The plan was submitted to the State Office of Public Instruction by June 24th and is available at the school office or on the district website — daytonschool.net

Reopening Plan for 2021-2022

The plan outlines the initial mitigation measures that will be implemented.

Masks have been a major topic of discussion in the news. In our guidance, we are recommending that individuals make a family decision about whether they want their children to wear masks, but masking will not be required.

We are able to provide layered mitigation measures while allowing families to decide what they believe is best for their children. We respect different perspectives and will ensure that each child is made to feel comfortable. Everyone's safety and wellbeing is our top priority while maintaining in-person learning. We will be responsive with our mitigation efforts as warranted by the pandemic.

We will continue with the following essential mitigation strategies to maintain in-person instruction with regular pre-pandemic school day schedules:

- Social distancing to the greatest extent possible
- Optional masking for staff and students as a personal decision
- Contact tracing will be guided by County Health Department guidelines
- Increased cleaning and disinfection
- Requiring and promoting hand washing and respiratory etiquette
- Encouraging all staff and students to stay home when sick
- Limiting nonessential visitors that are not part of our school families
- Providing vaccination information for those that request it

Dayton is planning to publish updated information throughout the school year.

A copy of our comprehensive plan will be sent with the annual student handbook pages.

We are thankful for the support and cooperation of our school families. We are looking forward to a great school year! Please call with any concerns or questions, 406-883-7262.

Warm regards,

Carolyn O. Hall, Lake County Supt of Schools