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Good afternoon Hudson families,

We wish to share some details with you about how we are preparing to welcome all students back to school on Monday, January 10. As you know, the Vancouver District and Hudson Elementary have worked closely with our public health officials and carefully followed their guidance since the beginning of the pandemic. The health, safety, and well-being of students, you as families and staff remains our priority.

Here at Hudson, we have implemented health and safety measures, as advised by public health, and carefully followed the [District Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#) to reduce the risk of COVID transmission in schools. A few of these measures include:

Purchased and distributed [masks](#) (reusable and disposable) for all staff and students

- Updated and modified [ventilation systems](#) to upgrade filters and maximize air exchange
- Ensured frequent and regular cleaning including daily cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Reminded staff and students to conduct daily self-health checks and stay home if ill
- Limited visitor access to schools
- Upgraded taps and installed new sinks and hand sanitization stations
- Shared information with students and staff in our school about hand and respiratory hygiene, proper mask use and spacing out as much as possible.

This past week staff at Hudson have taken time to review our health and safety measures and we want to highlight some key items for you as we prepare for Monday:

- **Entry and exit to the building**
Students are asked to avoid crowding at entrance doors during pick up/drop off times. Teachers will continue to welcome and dismiss students from their assigned doors. Slight adjustments might be made to ensure adequate space between classes when they line up.
- **Recess / Lunch time**
Our current staggered outdoor times will remain the same.
- **Traffic flow in hallways and between classes**
We will be limiting the flow of traffic by only having one class enter/exit through their assigned doors and while traveling in the hallways.
- **Classroom Space Arrangement**
Teachers have reconfigured seating arrangements to avoid students sitting face to face and spread-out desks/tables to make sure the entire classroom space is used.
- **Visitors**
All parents/guardian must make an appointment prior to entering the building. Please call the office or send an email directly to admin/staff to make an appointment. The preference currently is for meetings to take place on Teams, over the phone or outside.

It is possible that at some point, a school may need to temporarily close because of the impacts of the Omicron variant. While we hope that there will not be a need for temporary functional closure, we want to ensure we support everyone who is impacted during such a time.

This week, staff spent time planning how to respond should the school need to temporarily close in the coming weeks. The decision will be made by the District and will only occur if there is a shortage of available staff, due to illness, and we are unable to keep the school open for in-person learning and safely supervise students. In the event of a closure, we will notify you as soon as possible. During a functional closure we will shift to online learning and courses completion. Also, as we did this week, we will make every effort to continue to provide in-person support during a functional closure for students with additional needs, such as students with special needs and children of essential workers.

We know these days are a challenging in many ways. You can continue to count on us to keep you informed and do everything we can to meet students' needs. If you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to welcoming your children back to Hudson as together we navigate the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

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