**MORAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**COVID-19 - RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN**

The purpose of this document is to summarize the changes put in place to safely return to in-person instruction at Gros Cap School for the 2020-2021 school year. Our complete Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan can be found on our website at www.morantownshipschools.org. We are encouraging teachers, students and parents to be patient, supportive and understanding as we try to navigate through this school year. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns at (906)643-7970.

**School doors will open at 7:45 am. The school day is 8:00 am -3:05 pm.**

**Safety Protocols and Procedure Changes**

* A clean mask must be worn daily. Masks are considered to be a cloth facial covering that covers the nose and mouth.
* Students must wear a mask when riding the bus to and from school.
* All students and staff must wear a mask when entering the building and in the hallways. Students in grades 5-8 must wear a mask at all times, except mealtime. Students in grades k-4 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask at all times, except mealtime. Staff are required to wear a mask at all times, except mealtime.
* Temperatures will be taken daily with no-touch thermometers upon entry to the building. A temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher is considered a COVID-19 symptom and would require the student to leave the school with a parent, guardian or emergency contact person. It is then the responsibility of the family to determine the need for further medical evaluation. There is additional information regarding these procedures found in your student’s information packet given to them the first day of school.
* Guests and visitors will not be allowed in the school. We strongly encourage a phone call to the office if necessary, rather than coming into the building. If it is necessary to enter the school building, a mask covering the nose and mouth must be worn, hands sanitized, one’s temperature will be taken and questions on COVID-19 symptoms asked. We cannot allow parent volunteers in the classrooms this school year.
* Students will be offered a “Grab and Go” breakfast bag in the morning, consisting of a fruit, cereal, milk and yogurt. This can be brought to their classroom to enjoy prior to starting their school day. Students will go directly to their classroom space when they arrive to school. We will no longer be waiting in the gymnasium for the bell to signal the start of our day.
* Lunch will be served in the classrooms daily. Lunch recess will be staggered. Students in k-4 will have recess from 11:00-11:30 and eat lunch afterwards, while students in grades 5-8 will eat lunch at 11:15 and have recess from 11:30-12:00.
* Special snacks for classrooms, such as birthday treats, must be store bought and individually packaged. We cannot allow home-made food to be shared within the classrooms. There will be no bake sales this year.
* Classroom spaces, hallways, restrooms, and frequently touched hard surfaces will be disinfected several times throughout the school day.
* Classroom teachers will build handwashing into their daily routines. Hand sanitizer will also be placed throughout the building.
* Drinking fountains will not be available. Students are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle from home. Please note, this is for water only. Colored drinks and soda pop are not allowed except on special occasions and with classroom teacher permission.
* Recess is strongly encouraged to be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Playground equipment will be sanitized daily.
* Students will stay within their “wing” of the building throughout the day. It is our goal to have students within these wings and not crossing the paths of one another. Wings consist of k-1 students, 2nd - 4th grade students and 5th – 8th grade students.
* Students will be provided supplies needed for classroom activities. There will be no sharing of classroom supplies.
* K-1 students will exit to and return from the playground using the exit door in the kindergarten classroom.
* Students in grades 2-4 will exit to and return from the playground using the doors at the end of the hallway.
* Students in grades 5-8 will exit to and return from the playground using the front doors of the building.
* Parents and guardians are not allowed to enter the building to wait for their student at the end of the day. Students getting picked up at the end of the day will exit the building from different locations. Kindergarten and 1st graders will exit from our main door, with an adult supervising their release. 2nd – 4th grade students will exit the building from their end door, located at the west end of the building nearest the playground. An adult supervisor will wait with them until release to a parent or guardian. 5th – 8th grade students will exit using the front entry, facing Gros Cap Road. We require all parents and guardians entering our parking lot to proceed slowly, with extreme caution and awareness.