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Dear Woodland Families:

Thank you so much for your prayers, patience, and understanding during the last few months. I know that you have all been anxiously waiting on the announcement of school plans for the fall. We have approached our decision with much prayer, study and planning and we believe that we have been able to develop a reasonable and measured path forward. **We are excited to announce that we are planning on starting school with in-class instruction on August 17th!** Unless a government mandate requires a different path, we look forward to having your student in our halls again. Here are the main aspects of our plan for the upcoming school year:

1. **Opening as planned:** Lord willing, school will open on schedule in the fall for in-person, on-campus learning (1st Day – Monday August 17th). Our goal will be for students to enjoy a safe and exciting school year in as normal of an atmosphere as possible.
2. **Protective Health Measures:** To Identify, isolate, and mitigate potential sources of COVID exposure ...
 - Students and staff temperatures will be checked when they enter a school building for the first time each day. Anyone arriving at the school with a temperature of 100° or higher will be provided a mask and be required to immediately leave the campus.
 - We will use a paper-based daily symptom screening questionnaire that must be filled out before entering the building (students, staff, and visitors).
 - We will provide mask for, isolate, and call the parent of any student who becomes ill during the day. The student will need to be picked up immediately.
3. **Cleaning:** Cleaning and sanitizing of all areas, will be appropriately expanded and enhanced. Our school has also been outfitted with a Hydrogen Peroxide air purification system to help reduce pathogens and germs throughout our building.
4. **Masks:**
 - **Teachers and Staff:** All of our Teachers and Staff will be required to wear a mask whenever they cannot maintain a 6' social distancing. (Ex. A Mask **will** be required when providing close-up individual help)
 - **Students: K3 – 5th Grade students will not be** required to wear a mask unless the parent request that they do, or the child begins to exhibit symptoms of sickness. (If parents would like for their child to wear a mask during part or all the school day, we will be glad to facilitate the parent's request.) **6th – 12th grade students will be** required to wear mask during the school day as long as the NC state mask mandate is effective. These will be required during all portions of the day except for lunch when students are eating or in areas where social distancing is being practiced.
5. **Social Distancing:** We will facilitate social distancing as much as possible and as deemed necessary, reasonable, and practical.
 - Please observe markings that identify 6' distances (walkways, seating in gym, hallways, entrances, etc.)
 - No more than 2 students or guest are to be at the office counter at one time. While waiting to enter the office please observe the floor markings outside the office.

- Classroom seating will be adjusted as much as we can, and other measures will be taken to provide the greatest degree of protection and distancing that we can.
6. **Seamless Transitions:** If needed, we will be ready to implement short-term schedule changes and/or transition to at home distance learning and then back to regular on-campus instruction as seamlessly as possible.
 7. **To protect learning progress:** Using Google classroom and other online tools, we will continue to implement and improve these strategies to enable sick or quarantined students to continue moving forward with their education while at home. Through our continued **partnership with parents** our goal remains the same, to provide a high-quality Christian education to all our students and remain up to speed with their classes when they return to school.
 8. **Personal Hydration:** Students will be required to bring **2 sixteen-ounce** non-breakable bottles or **1 thirty-two-ounce** non-breakable bottle of water daily. Water fountains will not be available for students. In case of **emergency** water **will be** available for purchase from the school for the student at \$1.25 per bottle.
 9. **Events and service changes:** During the 1st Semester the following events or services will be cancelled or redesigned.
 - **Lunch Program:** (Temporary Change)
 - At Least for the 1st semester, **cafeteria services will be altered as follows:**
 - **Unavailable:** The sale of **hot** items or food requiring **on site preparation will not be available**
 - **Available (emergency only):** "Lunchables", "PB&J Uncrustables" and similar lunch items **will be available** for purchase (pre-packaged items that can be thawed and served without preparation). **Drink and snack** items will also be available for purchase.
 - **Adjusted:** Only lunches that do **NOT need to be prepared or heated may be brought from home.** (Student microwaves will not be available)
 - **Schedules:** To enable social distancing, the lunch and schedule seating will be adjusted to allow for smaller groups and greater distancing in the cafeteria.
 - **Open House:** Our Open House this year will be split into two sessions. Students with the last names beginning with **A – L** will meet in the Auditorium at 6:15pm on Friday August 14th. Students with the last name ending in **M – Z** will meet in the Auditorium at 7:15pm on Friday August 14th. Our School Dress Code is expected for this function. This will be for information necessary for the school year and to receive the packet of information that you will need to have for your student. There will not be time after the group meeting to meet with your child's teacher. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher prior to the Open House, you may call your teacher to schedule a 10 min meeting teacher on August 12th or 13th between 9am – 4pm.
 - **Field Trips:** All Field Trips in 1st Semester are cancelled.

I am so thankful to God for His goodness to our school and our students over the past several months. I am also very excited for the days ahead for our school. If you have any questions, concerns, or even encouragement please do not hesitate to let me know. We have tried to develop a plan that we felt would allow us the privilege of getting our students back in our classrooms as safely as possible. Above all we desire your prayers for our pastor, administration, teaching staff, and students and we continue to plan for the upcoming school year. We are always excited to know that it is in these times we can see God work and we can trust His hand. Thank you as always for your support of Woodland Baptist Christian School and for allowing us the opportunity to educate your children, not only for today but for eternity.

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