



*Leading All Students to New Heights of Academic and Personal Growth*

Dear South New Summit Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the changing learning environment during the era of COVID-19. Our school district puts a premium on face-to-face instruction and small group learning as the best approach to student achievement. We must also balance that objective with ensuring the safety, health and emotional well-being of our students and staff. To that end, we plan to begin school with a traditional schedule that sees students and staff on campus every day, while following state and local social distancing and sanitization recommendations.

The school district team has created a detailed plan which outlines the protocols and safety measures planned to create the safest possible school environment. That plan will be emailed separately and will also be available in print at the school office.

**Please note that the school district officials have postponed student start dates to Monday, August 10, 2020, in order to implement all of our safety protocols with fidelity.** (Teachers will still return on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.) Some other important features included in the policy are:

- Students and staff will have their temperature taken before they are allowed to exit their vehicle every morning.
- Students and staff must bring two **masks** to school every day---in case one is misplaced. Masks must be worn while students and staff are in movement from one classroom/location to another; masks will be optional during classroom instruction.
- Students may be dropped off between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and picked up at 2:15 p.m. for grades 1-6 and at 3:15 p.m. for grades 7-12.

Please note: for those parents who are not yet comfortable with in-person learning, the school district will offer an optional at-home virtual learning. This component will be taught in conjunction with the classroom lessons by utilizing Google Classroom, YouTube, and Zoom. Students will be expected to login every school day at every class time to receive instruction. All assignments and testing will be expected to be completed on time. **Parents must opt-in by July 31, 2020 and commit to a 9-week term for virtual learning.** Please note that there will be no difference in tuition for virtual and in-person learning. Please email counselor Suzanna Miller at [smiller@southnewsummit.com](mailto:smiller@southnewsummit.com) or principal Mike Lott at [mlott@southnewsummit.com](mailto:mlott@southnewsummit.com) to choose the distance learning plan.

Please bear in mind that this is a fluid situation and a challenge never-before faced by schools. Situations that cannot be predicted will necessitate changes due to forces beyond our control are to be expected. We will continue to monitor, modify and adjust as necessary. Our primary concern remains focused on the health and safety of our students, our staff, and our school family.

Thank you for trusting us to make decisions that serve the best interest of your student.

Sincerely,

New Learning Resources Administration