

Northern Potter



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Dear Parents and Staff,

I am very excited to start the 2021-2022 school year with you! Our goal is to have an enjoyable and productive school year while staying safe.

The district has received the most updated information from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Department of Health regarding mitigating COVID-19 for the upcoming school year. After taking all recommendations into consideration, we have updated our Health and Safety Plan which can be found on our website www.northernpottersd.org. The district's Health and Safety Plan was submitted to the Department of Education on July 30, 2021.

Changes to the Health and Safety Plan:

- Wearing of masks will be optional in every education setting for all students, staff, and visitors. Mask shaming of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Social distancing will be 3 feet apart in classrooms, cafeteria, and other common areas as feasible.

My hope is to have a "normal" school year for our students, staff, and community. Our Health and Safety Plan is tied to federal American Rescue Plan money. If the district is informed we must change our Health and Safety Plan, we will update our plan and share all changes with you.

Continual mitigation strategies, policies, procedures in the Health and Safety Plan:

- Temperature screening when entering the building.
- Students and staff will be educated on the symptoms of COVID-19.
- Please screen your child(ren) prior to sending them to school. Please do not send your child to school if they have a temperature at or above 100.4. Staff will perform a symptom screening on themselves prior to leaving home for school.

- Students and staff who feel ill will report to the nurse and be quarantined if symptomatic.
- The district will continue to use UV technology to clean potentially infected areas.
- The district will continue to use air filtering systems in classrooms and common areas.
- All high-touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly throughout the day by custodians.
- All students and staff will wash their hands regularly and/or use hand sanitizer throughout the day.

If you have any questions about our Health and Safety Plan please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nate Jones", written in a cursive style.

Nate Jones