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Re: New School Year- Welcome Back

Dear Danville District 118 Students, Staff and Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope you enjoyed your summer break. I want to thank and praise everyone for their flexibility, adaptability and understanding during this unexpected global health crisis.

Although we are facing many uncertainties and challenges, our Danville District #118 family is committed to keeping the health and safety of our students and staff as our priority.

I know that many of you are returning this school year with questions and concerns. Quite frankly, we will not have all the answers. The landscape of education continues to change on a weekly (or sometimes daily) basis. As we receive direction from the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Illinois Department of Public Health, we will communicate it in a timely fashion. In the meantime, I wanted to start with answers to some frequently asked questions that will help families prepare to return to school.

1. How will your child know what to do every day?

Each child attending remotely will have a set schedule of classes with classroom teachers. Here are a few great tutorials created by our very own teachers.

- DHS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIU7RZ9IIxs>
- Middle School <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIU7RZ9IIxs>
- Elementary
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ns2rtuhzHqblEuzc1FTagDfaInM4bYaG/view>

2. What if we choose not to attend Danville 118 schools this year?

If you have not registered with our school or another K-12 school, you can return next year. Please remember, we will have these students take a proficiency test upon their return to determine appropriate grade level placement.

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3. When will I receive school supplies from the District?

All District 118 students will receive free school supplies for the 20-21 school year.

- We will deliver supplies to K – Grade 8 students participating in the remote instruction program between the hours of 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM as follows:

Wednesday, September 2nd Edison, Meade Park and those Northeast, NR and SV students living in this area

Thursday, September 3rd Garfield, Liberty, and those Northeast, NR and SV students living in this area

Friday, September 4th Mark Denman, Southwest, and those Northeast, NR and SV students living in this area

- Danville High School students will receive their supplies during the class schedule distribution scheduled to begin 3:00 PM- 6:00 PM as follows:

Wednesday, September 2nd Freshmen and Senior Students

Thursday, September 3rd Sophomore and Junior Students

- K – Grade 4 students that are attending in-person will be given their school supplies at school on Tuesday, September 8th.

Our lower student enrollment and the everchanging challenges of COVID-19 continue to be a factor. We will need to monitor and adjust as the situation requires. I am sure that this school year will be like no other, but I have faith that our staff can rise to any challenge. I believe this year will provide us an opportunity to serve students and families in ways we never dreamed possible. This school year could possibly allow us to re-create the educational experience in new, and potentially, better ways. I encourage you to think creatively and participate in conversations and processes that may yield a new definition of “schooling” for our students.

Again, I wanted to welcome back our families and say that I have missed you! Thank you for allowing us to serve the students and families of Danville District 118 once again. Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Alicia Geddis
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