Good Evening Clayton Park Junior High Families,

We are reaching out today to update you on how the recent changes to the Public Health Measures are being implemented at Clayton Park. The following comes directly from the message sent yesterday by the HRCE, with the highlighted portions being specific to Clayton Park

**Enhanced Measures for Schools**

Effective immediately, the following enhanced public health measures are being introduced to reduce mixing and movement inside schools and on school grounds:

* School sports teams are limited to skills training only - no games or scrimmages. At this time, our school’s basketball teams will not be holding practices, teams are made-up of multiple grade level/homeroom cohort students.
* Traditional holiday activities such as assemblies and concerts are cancelled. Band Concert recordings planned for this week are cancelled. All other lunchtime groups are also on hold.
* No mixing of classes, including a pause on activities like “Reading Buddies”. As of tomorrow morning (Wednesday), Clayton Park teachers will begin moving from class to class, students are remaining in their homerooms to reduce mixing of cohorts in the hallways and at lockers. Students are to carry their backpacks, lunch bags, etc. to their homeroom class. Students will not be utilizing lockers. All items will be remaining with them in their homerooms. Please ensure that students bring limited items to school each day.
* Masks are required both indoors and outdoors where physical distancing cannot be maintained.
* There will be limited access to school cafeterias. Clayton Park does not have a cafeteria so students will continue to eat in their homeroom classrooms within their cohorts at lunchtime. Students will remain in cohorts outside at lunchtime.
* Essential visitors only.

**Masking**

The following measures are to be followed:

* **Masking is a priority for all students and staff.** Compliance with masking is essential for our shared health and wellness. If your student is not masking as directed at school, they will be sent home from school.
* Indoors - masks can only be removed while eating and drinking or during physical education, if students can be physically distanced.
* Outdoors - masks can be removed if students can be physically distanced.

**Dismissal**

* Bus students will remain in their homerooms. An announcement will be made with the bus number and only those students will be dismissed to the buses at that time. Bus students will be dismissed after the walking students.
* Walking students will be dismissed at 3:20pm. An announcement will be made for dismissal of walking students
* Students are to **remain seated** until dismissal. Students should not be standing or hovering around the door.

We know this is an extremely challenging time for our students and community. We want you to know that all measures we are taking are in an effort to ensure everyone’s safety.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Trina and Alana