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SOLWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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COVID Solway Elementary School plans – 2020-2021

- **How will we deliver an equitable education with our plan?** – All Solway Elementary students & families will have the same resources available to them. Equal time with their teachers regardless of the learning model, specialists, electronic devices if and when needed, etc.
- **How will Solway School keep students protected in cohort groups (classrooms, houses, pods etc.)?** Our students are assigned to a classroom teacher in their homeroom classroom for the majority of the day.
- **How will breakfasts and lunches be handled?** – Solway School will utilize the entire gymnasium/lunch room instead of only half of it as in the past for lunch and breakfast. We will utilize all of our lunch tables along with the 10 other tables currently in storage in order to maximize our space and social distance. Students will eat with their classmate cohort groups. We also plan to have students eat outdoors on the nice weather days as much as possible.
- **How will we handle travel from classroom to gym, lunch, recess?** – Since we have one hallway at our school, we will make sure only one classroom is traveling at any one time. We will also travel outdoors when weather permits. Nearly 100 Tiger paw signs will be on the floor throughout the school placed 6 feet apart to use for visual guides and social distancing.
- **How will Solway School utilize hallways, entrances, exits? How will we minimize contact in these areas?** – Both entrances in the front of Solway School will be used to enter and exit the school. The students in classrooms in the south of the school will enter using the main entrance doors. The students in classrooms in the north of the school will use the northern doors. Paraprofessionals will have hand sanitizer at each door to squirt into each student's hand as they enter the school in the morning. On nice weather days, classroom teachers may exit the nearest door going outside at the end of the school day.
- **Staggering schedules** – Please see the schedule provided for you. The master schedule is being used to minimize exposure and student movement in the school. Student lunch, recess, and dismissal times are all staggered in order to minimize exposure and support the practice of social distancing. Phy-ed will be outside or in the gym. Technology classes will be in the technology classroom and taught in conjunction with phy-ed. Art will be taught in the students' classrooms or outside - weather permitting. Music will be taught in the music room.
- **What to do with students who arrive early (before 7:30)?** – Our students do not arrive prior to 7:30. In the rare case that a student arrives early at school, her or she will be directed to the gymnasium for breakfast.
- **What will Solway School's signage look like for traffic control, hand-washing, wearing of masks?** – Signage, bulletin boards, Tiger paws signs, etc. are displayed throughout our school and in our restroom areas.
- **How will students check out library books?** – Our 7 classroom teachers will collaborate with our media paraprofessional and receive a crate of grade-level appropriate library books every other week. The crates will sit the required time necessary to ensure that they are germ free.
- **How will Solway School specialist teachers be scheduled?** – Please see the master schedule provided. The phy-ed teacher will also teach technology in his one-hour blocks. The Title I teacher will also teach technology classes when needed to give the phy-ed teacher time to sterilize equipment, and take care of other duties. Phy-ed & technology time will stagger – ie. Phy-ed / tech; tech, phy-ed, etc.
- **What will music, band, choir look like at Solway School?** – Music will be on one-hour blocks, one day per week. Please see the provided schedule.