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Dear Golding Middle School Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and have enjoyed the great weather that we have seen for the past few months. Needless to say, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to open our doors again to our C-R students!

As you know, we have spent our entire summer developing a plan that would allow us to continue to educate, inspire and empower our students, safely. Under the guidance of the District Reopening Task Force, our Golding Reopening Committee has thoughtfully developed a plan that has our Middle School students attending school 5 days a week. To access C-R's Reopening Plan, visit our district's website at: <http://crcsd.ss10.sharpschool.com/home>.

In order to accommodate all of our students that will be on campus for instruction, we will be utilizing our building and staff as we have never done before. To help better understand many of our new procedures and frameworks that we will be implementing in order to follow the COVID-19 related protocols, please find the inserts that go along with this letter. Within those documents you will also find your students homeroom teacher, homeroom room number, and guidance counselor.

Our first day of school will be on *Monday, September 14, 2020*. Students will report to their homeroom teacher's classroom between the time of 9:00 am and 9:15 am. The school day will begin at 9:15 am and end at 3:15 pm.

As we begin a school year that will be like no other, I am sure there will be challenges that we will face. I encourage you to contact our team at Golding so that we can face and address those challenges together. Please remember that we are here to work alongside our families in order to best support our students.

Best regards,

Jeremiah Haslun
Golding Middle School Principal



Golding Middle School Daily Routines

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have all had to reimagine the way we live our lives, and at Golding Middle School, it is no different. Please refer to the list of new daily routines that we will be using this year to help create a safe learning environment for our students. In a standard school year you would have known all of these details listed below much earlier than this, but with a newly designed school day, it has required us to utilize as much time as possible this summer. We once again appreciate your patience. *Please read the details below with your student to help everyone become familiar with our new daily routines.*

Masks: Students, staff and visitors to our schools will be expected to wear face coverings indoors and outside, including on the school bus, at all times. Both cloth (cotton or poly-blend) masks and disposable surgical masks work well. We will be providing each student and staff member with two cloth masks and we have extra surgical masks available for anyone who may need one. **We will not, however, allow other forms of face-coverings such as bandanas and “neck gaiters.”** New research indicates that they are not effective in preventing the spread of illness. Students who are unable to medically tolerate a face covering will not be required to wear one. Students will be allowed to remove face coverings during meals and for short breaks, so long as they maintain appropriate social distance.

Remote Learners: Remote learners will receive a class schedule and a chromebook on Friday, September 11, 2020. Chromebooks and schedules will be distributed out of the Golding Middle School Cafeteria. More information will be forthcoming pertaining to the exact time this distribution will take place. Remote learners will be expected to follow their schedule and log onto the computer at the times specified starting on Monday, September 14.

Before School Care: Before school care will be available for Golding students (grades 6-8) in the Middle School cafeteria from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. Students will be asked to sign in with the supervisor upon arrival. Students will enter through the A3 doors.

AM Bus Loop: The Golding Main Office parking lot loop, that was previously used for student drop off, will now be a dedicated space for our buses. Families will not be permitted to drop off their students in that area prior to 9:15 am.

Student drop off: The Golding Main office parking lot loop that was previously used to drop off or to pick up students will not be used for those purposes this year. Students should be dropped off on the sidewalk between the A8 door and the A10 door. Signage will be posted directing families as to where exactly the drop off location will be located as well.



Golding Middle School Daily Routines (cont'd)

Students Exiting Buses: Students who ride a bus in the morning will be dropped off near the Golding Main Office doors. Buses will be unloading their students one bus at a time and students will enter the building at a specific entrance based on the student's grade level.

Entering the building: Students will enter the building through one of three doors depending on their grade level. 8th grade students will enter the building at the main office door (A1 door). 7th grade students will enter by the handicap ramp near the cafeteria (A2 door). 6th grade students will enter the building on the Ryder side of the cafeteria (A6 door).

Breakfast: Breakfast stations will be located at each student entrance and breakfast will be offered on a grab-and-go basis. All students will have access to a breakfast upon entering the building. Students electing to eat breakfast at school will do so during their homeroom time.

Lockers: At this point students will not be using lockers. Students who stay in one room will keep their personal and academic belongings with them. Students who have to move rooms will be asked to carry their belongings with them.

Backpacks: Although the majority of our students will not be moving classrooms, some students will have to depending on scheduling conflicts. Those students who are moving between classrooms will be allowed to carry their backpacks from room to room.

Classroom set-up: Classrooms have been set-up to accommodate social distancing regulations with desks spaced six-feet apart and facing the front of the classroom. Classrooms will have technological equipment such as a smartboard or an interactive television.

Schedule: Students will enter the building between 9:00 am and 9:15 am. Homeroom will run from 9:15 am to 9:23 am. Students will have a seven (7) period schedule, with each period being :45 minutes in length. A :30 minute lunch for students is incorporated into the schedule. Students will be dismissed at 3:15 pm. Students will receive their schedules on the first day of school in their homerooms.

Physical Education: Physical Education will look much different this year. Students may be participating in PE in many different settings including the outdoors, in the gymnasium, in the cafeteria, in a classroom, or remotely. The setting for PE classes will depend largely on the student's schedule and the weather. Students will not be expected to change in a locker room. Appropriate footwear will be expected in order to physically participate. Students will be expected to wear masks during physical education class.



Golding Middle School Daily Routines (cont'd)

Band/Orchestra/Chorus: Unfortunately, due to scheduling limitations and restrictions brought on by COVID-19 protocols, the middle school will be unable to offer band, orchestra, or choir at this juncture of the school year. If protocols were to change, we would certainly revisit the viability of being able to offer these classes.

Chromebooks: All middle school students will be given a chromebook and a charger to use throughout the school year. Students will receive their chromebooks during the morning of the first day of school. **It will be the student's responsibility to bring their chromebook home everyday after school, as well as to bring the chromebook back to school fully charged.** Google Classroom will be the platform that teacher's will use to deliver content on a regular basis.

Lunch breaks: Each grade level will eat at the same time during the school day in their respective classrooms. Students who order a school lunch will have their bag lunch delivered to their classrooms in a paper-bag format. Lunch breaks for students will be :30 minutes in length. All students in the room will be eating with their masks off. Upon finishing their lunch, students will be asked to put their masks on. If weather permits, students may also be given the opportunity to be outside during part of their lunch break.

Visitors: No outside visitors or volunteers will be allowed on school campuses, except as required for the health and safety of students. Parents/guardians will report to the front office and not go beyond unless it is for the safety or well-being of their child. Essential visitors to facilities will be required to wear face coverings and will be restricted in their access to our school buildings. Any visitor coming into Golding will be asked to complete a health screening questionnaire and wear an appropriate face covering.

Exiting the building: Students will exit the building from the same doors that they entered from: 8th grade via the main office doors (A1), 7th grade via the handicapped ramp by the cafeteria (A2), and 6th grade students via the A6 door. Students taking the bus will board the bus, walkers will go to the stairway at the front of the building and students being picked up will go to their assigned grade level areas to await pick up.

Parent Pick-up: Students being picked up will be standing by grade level along the sidewalk that connects Ryder and Golding. 6th grade students will be standing near the Ryder building, 7th grade students will be standing near the entrance to the Ryder Big gym (A11), and the 8th grade students will be standing near the Golding Cafeteria. Signage will be posted to help guide families to the correct area to pick up their students.

PM Bus loop: At dismissal, buses will be lined up in the Golding main office bus loop area in front of the main office doors of Golding. Students will immediately load the buses upon exiting the building. Parent pick-up will take place after the buses depart.

**If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Middle School office at
(518) 234-8368.**