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Dear Sunrise Families:

Thank you once again for continuing to work together with your child's school throughout this pandemic. It is not easy, nor is it always fun, but as an entire community, we are succeeding at providing a safe and caring environment for staff and students.

As part of our current safety protocols, Sunrise School Division is limiting public access to our buildings. School doors are locked during the day, and neither visitors, volunteers, nor event spectators are permitted into the schools at this time.

This year we would like to begin shifting a little closer to the pre-pandemic way in which schools have hosted Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parent/Teacher Conferences can occur either in-person or virtually on the dates designated by your child's school. Appointments must be made in advance. Please indicate whether you would like to come to the school in-person for your conference or if you would like to communicate from home using Office 365 Teams or by telephone. The process for booking an appointment with teachers will be shared by the school administration at each school.

It is important to know that schools will not be requiring proof of vaccination for parents to attend an in-person conference. As such, the following protocols must be strictly followed to keep all adults in the building safe:

- -no students may be in attendance
- -all attendees must answer the COVID screening questions prior to entering
- -all attendees must sanitize upon entry to the school
- -all attendees must wear a mask at all times in the school
- -all attendees must maintain a 2-meter distance between each other unless from the same household
- -all attendees must enter at the designated entrance and time

The division is working hard to keep parents actively engaged with their child's school and to keep parents in the know about their child's learning. Some parents have never been inside their child's school and we are hopeful that this opportunity will help build a meaningful connection between home and school. Thank you in advance for following all the safety protocols if you are choosing to attend an in-person conference. If public health orders change, all appointments may switch to virtual meetings with very short notice.

Your continued support, attention, and communication throughout the 2021-22 school year is valued and greatly appreciated.

Stay safe and stay well.

Sincerely,

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