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Good Afternoon ZCSD Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope you have enjoyed your summer. We look forward to welcoming back our students on Monday, August 9, 2021. This school year, we will begin with some challenges relative to Covid-19, but we remain committed to having a successful school year.

I recognize many of you are following the updates related to COVID-19. As the school year begins, please know that ZCSD closely monitors the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its variants. We will continue to consult with the Louisiana Department of Health as we monitor community conditions. As always, we will make the necessary adjustments needed. The safety of our students and staff remains our number one priority, and we will continue to adhere to guidelines for safety protocols.

**Please note important reminders as we all prepare for the first day of school:**

#### **Mask Requirements**

Governor Edwards issued a mask mandate in Louisiana, effective August 4, 2021, due to the high number of Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations. Therefore, all staff, students (K-12), and visitors **are required** to wear a face mask inside our facilities. In addition, students in grades K-12 and adults must wear a mask on school transportation.

#### **Health Monitoring**

As we continue working in partnership to ensure a safe school year, parents are asked to monitor their child(ren) for symptoms daily. Students who are sick should not attend school.

**Please contact your school to notify them if:**

- your student is ill, or
- anyone in your home is showing symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19, or
- your student has been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive or has symptoms of COVID-19.

School nurses or administrators will provide you with a date to return to school.

#### **Water Bottles**

The ZCSD water fountains have been retrofitted with bottle fillers.

- Schools have or will provide water bottles to all students.
- Students are to bring bottles to school filled with water daily.

With your support and flexibility, I am confident that we will have a productive school year. We are looking forward to an incredible year!

[2021-2022 Reopening Plan](#)

Sincerely,

Scott Devillier, Superintendent