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Dear RMA Families,

We are thankful for your support, collaboration, and patience throughout this past school year as we all navigated the challenges and uncertainties of a global pandemic. The purpose of this letter is to share valuable information for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Given the great news we have all seen with respect to our collective efforts to combat the spread of this virus, we have confidence that the upcoming school year will look and feel very close to a normal school year. Here are some specific details:

- RMA will be 100% in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Hybrid and remote learning will not be available given the newly mandated guidance for schools by the Texas legislature.
- The first day of school for students is Monday, August 16, 2021. For the 2021-22 school year calendar, visit our website.
- Quarantines - If you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over 24 hours) with someone who has COVID-19 unless you are fully vaccinated. People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
- Positive cases - While public health officials expect positive cases of COVID to trend downward, If you think or know you have COVID-19, and you have symptoms you can be around others after:
  - 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
  - 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
  - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation)
- Mask mandates – Governor Abbott's Executive Order 36 ended mandates for face coverings, daily electronic health screening, and social distancing in Texas public schools. As of June 4, 2021, Texas, public schools cannot require students, staff, or visitors to wear face coverings while on school premises. However, RMA strongly encourages our staff and students to continue wearing masks and practice social distancing.



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- Vaccines - Vaccinations are now widely available for anyone age 12 and older. The district through its partnership with CVS, Walgreens, and our regional health department will continue to provide access to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for students and families.
- School access - Access to school facilities and events for parents, families, and visitors will return to pre-pandemic protocols.

We know that this past year was a significant challenge for all of us. Due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic we will continue to implement safety measures to the extent possible to ensure that our staff and students' safety and well-being are prioritized. We look forward to welcoming students back for the 2021-2022 school year. I am certain that this year will be an amazing opportunity for learning, growth, and academic success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Armard Anderson'.

Armard Anderson  
Superintendent