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Dear Silvia Community,

I hope this letter finds you all well. I am sure you have a mix of feelings and emotions as we begin the 2020 - 2021 school year. I once again thank you all for your patience and flexibility as we navigate opening a school year like no other. I want to also thank the amazing Silvia staff that has been working tirelessly to prepare for the opening of school. With all of us working together in the best interest of our students, your children, we will be successful. However, we all need to understand that all will not be perfect and we will continue to hit bumps in the road, but it is nothing we can't overcome together.

The purpose of this final "Welcome Back" letter is to address a few odds and ends that we need to be aware of before we start on school on Wednesday, September 16th.

- OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR REOPENING - In my first "Welcome Back," I included important elements of our Operational Plan for Reopening. If you have not already, please go over this plan so we are all on the same page when it comes to safety protocols and procedures. All my "Welcome Back" letters can be found on the Silvia website [HERE](#).
- DAILY ATTENDANCE - Daily attendance will be taken as it is mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education. In person attendance will be taken as it always has been in the past. Remote learning attendance procedures and times will be shared with you by your classroom teacher.
- ORIENTATION VIDEOS/SLIDESHOWS - At a school level, we made an orientation video that we are asking you to watch with your child(ren) before school starts. The video was emailed to all families and can be found [HERE](#). Teachers have also put together classroom level orientation videos or slideshows. Please use these to support you and your child(ren) as well.

- ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL - Arrival and dismissal procedures and processes were included in my second “Welcome Back” letter. Please be aware of these procedures before school starts. All my “Welcome Back” letters can be found on the Silvia website [HERE](#).
- COMMUNICATION - We ask that you check your emails, the Silvia website, and teacher websites regularly. This will go a long way when it comes to communication and supporting your child(ren). This should include checking your SPAM folder and remedying any school addresses or technology links that may be sent to SPAM.
- MASKS - Students and staff are required to wear masks in the building. Any adult on campus at any time is required to wear a mask. GAITER masks are NOT allowed.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - September 16th is our first day back and is a remote day for all Cohort A, B, C and D students. Teachers, if they haven’t already, will share a schedule for this day. In addition, they will share any login information you may need.
- CHROMEBOOKS - Families who are in Cohorts A, C and D and who borrowed a FRPS chromebook, these devices need to come into school whenever your child(ren) is at Silvia. Please make sure they are fully charged every night so that the charger does NOT have to come to school.
- COHORT B RESOURCES - If you have a child(ren) in Cohort B and did not pick up hands-on resources last week, then please come to Silvia on Tuesday, September 15th between 9 and 12 to pick up these resources.