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Dear Community Members,

The purpose of this communication is to update on the procedures and guidance on parent volunteers or classroom observations.

Volunteering: In addition to our regular procedures for signing in at the office, parents/caregivers will be limited at the discretion of the school’s principal to provide essential services and provide support to the school’s educational program; volunteering will be limited to outdoor events. These are the requirements:

- Show proof of being fully vaccinated
- Must wear a face covering at all times, and
- Maintain social distancing whenever possible

Classroom observations: In addition to following what is in the student’s handbook as listed below:

VISITATIONS AT SCHOOL
Parents are welcome at our schools. We ask for a twenty-four-hour notice of classroom visitations. The Principal may waive the notice requirement. The Principal or administrator will make the final decision on the time and duration of the visit. All visitors must go to the school office to register their presence on campus, obtain a visitor's pass before going on campus, and adhere to any health and safety procedures. Unauthorized persons are prohibited from entering or remaining on school grounds. Visitations may not interfere with instruction. If court-restraining orders exist which limit a parent's access to visiting his/her child or receiving information about the child's school progress, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school Principal with a copy of such an order. Special Education classes have different guidelines based on student confidentiality, disruption of services, and the need for an escort. Please schedule observations in advance. (MPESD, Student’s Handbook, pg. 5)

Parents/caregivers must also follow the following:

- Show proof of being fully vaccinated
- Wear a face covering at all times, and
- Show proof of a negative COVID 19 test, dated within the last 72 hours of the visit.
- Maintain social distancing whenever possible

Thank you for your support and collaboration as we work together to put procedures in place to maintain students, staff, and community safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be aware that if conditions change, these procedures I am sharing with you may also change.

Sincerely,

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