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Hello and “Welcome Back!” to our MPMS students and families!

We have been working hard this summer to make sure that the return to school is healthy and joyful, and we can’t wait for you to join us back in the hallways of MPMS. We are excited for all students to return to the building, and to see your faces and hear your voices back in our hallways and classrooms. I can’t imagine how amazing it is going to feel to be back together again!

Our vision at MPMS is: “Mont Pleasant Middle School will be a safe and caring community where all students have access to engaging and rigorous academic opportunities, are active participants in their learning, and are fully supported to develop to their greatest potential.” We can’t wait to partner with you this school year to help that vision become reality.

At this point, I am sure you are wondering what the return to school will look like. With regard to COVID 19, we will be layering prevention factors like increased facility cleaning, hand washing, sanitizing, distancing, and masking. Additionally, we will continue to screen. The complete district plans for re-opening can be found on the district webpage at [www.schenectady.k12.ny.us](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us). Please be assured that we will be working hard to keep our students and staff safe!

Included in this packet of information is your student’s schedule. While there may be minor changes, this is close to what your child can expect to see on the first day. With so many students who have never been in the building or who may not have been in the building for such a long time, we will offer a “schedule walk through day” on 9/2 from 9am-11am and 4pm-6pm. This is a time when you can walk through the building with your student to see where their classrooms are located and to re-acclimate with the building. We hope you will join us. Please know that all COVID protocols will be in place, including screening and mandatory mask wearing for all adults and children, regardless of vaccination status.

It is also very important that you fill out and return all the forms in this envelope. We want to partner for your child’s success, so it is important that we have updated information. If your child is eligible for transportation, you should receive a separate mailing from the transportation office outlining the routing information you will need.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you can reach out to me directly at (518)370-8160 or via email at [bietten@schenectady.k12.ny.us](mailto:bietten@schenectady.k12.ny.us). We can’t wait to see you!

Best,

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