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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter provides you with some important updates for the upcoming school year. We will be following our normal district calendar for days when school is in session with one exception, the last day of school for students in the spring will now be June 3 instead of June 4. The revised district calendar can now be found on the School District of La Crosse website.

As you know, all families had an option of signing up for the Coulee Region Virtual Academy or continuing with Summit in a Blended Learning format – remote and when possible, face-to-face. We had 29 of our students who signed up for the Virtual Academy. Mrs. Zigler will be the only teacher from our school who will be teaching in this Virtual Academy and she will have kindergarten students assigned to her from Summit and several other schools. As a result of these enrollments we made the following necessary adjustments to our staffing at Summit.

PK4 – Cathy Leon

Kindergarten – Wendy Fechner, Deb Ofte, Emilie Clifford

1st Grade – Karen Anderson, Steph Shepard, Jen Wappler

2nd Grade – Jolynn Jensen, Damian Stanton, Bree Lawrence

3rd Grade – Tracy Taylor-Johnson

3rd/4th Grade – Jessica Beecher

4th Grade – Kris Franzini

5th Grade – Mackenzie Matzke, Erica Rasmussen

You will note that we are down one regular education teacher from our original plans, and we have created a multiage third/fourth grade classroom. As of today, all class sizes in K-2 are 17 students or less and all class sizes in grades 3-5 are 20 students. We are pleased to be able to provide smaller class sizes in our 4th & 5th grades this year. **Parents will be able to go into Skyward through Family Access on August 21 and see classroom assignments for students.**

We welcome several new staff to Summit this year. Ms. Morgan Schilz is our new School Psychologist, Mrs. Mackenzie Matzke is our new 5th Grade Teacher, Ms. Desiree Bradshaw is our new Music Teacher, Ms. Isabel Hoff is our new Strings Teacher, and Ms. Sarah Bradle is our new Instructional Coach.

Because we are starting the school year on September 1st with remote instruction and not face-to-face with students, we have several changes to the start of this school year...

- We will not be holding a face-to-face Open House as we do in a normal school year.
- All students K-5 will receive an iPad to use throughout the school year. If your child is an incoming 4th grader or participated in remote reading and math summer school, you most likely already have this device. For all other students, we have arranged to have iPad pick up here at school from 12-6:00 on August 26 & 12:00-4:00 on August 27th. This will be a drive

through pick up where parents can form two lines and drive up in front of the gym doors. You will need to stay in your vehicles and we will simply hand you the iPad. Starting on August 19, parents can go on-line through Skyward Family Access and schedule a pick-up time. There will be two slots scheduled every 5 minutes. Families unable to pick up iPads on these dates and times will be given the iPads at the orientation meetings. Parents have the option of purchasing iPad insurance (\$20 for the year) which can be paid on-line or you can drop off a check or cash at the iPad pick up time or during the face-to-face orientation meetings.

- Although we are starting the school year with remote instruction, we have been given clearance to hold face-to-face back to school orientation meetings for individual students from 8-3:30 on Tuesday, September 1st and Wednesday, September 2nd and from 12:00-8:00 on Thursday, September 3rd. Parents who feel comfortable coming to school for these face-to-face orientations September 1-3, can go into Family Access August 21-25 and sign up for a scheduled 30 minute time to meet your child's teacher. Be sure to bring your child and their iPad to this meeting. You will get to know your child's teacher, get a quick introduction on how to use Canvas-the learning management system, daily instruction schedules, sign any necessary forms, etc. Again, incoming 4th graders and students who participated in remote summer school already have their iPads and are asked to bring these with them for the orientation time with the teacher. For families who choose this option, we ask that only the student and up to two adults attend, staff will greet you at the door, masks are required for students and parents, all families are asked to come only during their scheduled times and leave immediately following their appointments, exercise social distancing, and enter and exit through the door specified, etc. Families will only be allowed to go to and from homeroom classes. Families who want a virtual option for orientation meetings, can simply send their child's teacher an e-mail and the teachers will set up a time to meet with you virtually.
- Because we are now holding face-to-face orientation meetings with all families September 1-4, remote instruction will begin on September 8th.
- Updates to our Parent Guide for this year can be found on our school web page. These updates show the changes in a normal face-to-face school year. Because things are still changing related to requirements when students are back face-to-face, we will be sharing these changes in early September. These include students in different grade levels using specific doors for arrival and dismissal, plans for having breakfast and lunch in classrooms or outside, providing Art-Music-PE classes either in homeroom classes or outside, limiting the number of students in hallways at one time, no co-mingling of students between classrooms, etc.

Our office staff will be following our regular office hours each day. Mrs. Littlejohn and I plan to be in the office daily from 7:15-3:45 and you can certainly reach me earlier and later each day. Please leave us a message or send us an e-mail with questions you may have.

As always, I look forward to serving you and your families this school year.

Respectfully,



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