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Tiger Nation!

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe, well, and in good spirits! Last night the Wharton ISD board of trustees approved our "Strong Start" return to school plan. There are several items of note I would like to share with you:

1. The first day of school is August 17, 2020.
2. When school begins the first 4 weeks will be virtual (Sivells Elem. – asynchronous, Wharton Elem., Wharton JH, and Wharton HS – synchronous)
3. Technology needs distribution is TBD (date coming soon)
4. At the beginning of the third week of the school year, the district will assess where the area and county are concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and decide whether to continue virtual instruction after week four or return to face to face instruction.
5. When we return to face to face instruction masks are required for all faculty, staff and students age 10 and older.

When making decisions the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We will keep you updated when more information becomes available. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we navigate these ever-changing times.

Sincerely,

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