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Hello Geauga Preschool Families,

Welcome back! It has certainly been a challenging time and I want to extend my appreciation for your patience as we develop our preschool back to school plans. I will be supervising the ESCWR preschool classrooms in Geauga County this year. I was the Geauga ESC preschool supervisor for several years and then took over the autism programs (STARS and SAIL) for the ESCWR. I have the pleasure of supervising the Geauga County preschool classrooms this school year in addition to the autism programs. 🖥️

Our preschool staff has been working collaboratively with the administration from the school districts where our preschool classrooms are housed to ensure a safe return to school. Included in this packet is your child's teacher assignment, school supply list, school calendar, additional preschool information, and a district restart plan. Please keep in mind that we will follow the required Preschool/Early Childhood Restart guidelines in addition to the district restart plan where your child's classroom is housed. Some of the Preschool/Early Childhood Restart guidelines may supersede the district's restart plan.

Many of the districts in Geauga County have established plans that correlate to Ohio's color colored system. Some districts may transition to remote/virtual learning if Geauga's color level increases to RED or PURPLE. As of 08/10/2020 Geauga County's color level is: YELLOW. We will keep families updated as the school year progresses.

Our staff are eager to get back to their classrooms and begin the year. Please review their teacher letters for valuable information pertaining to each classroom. Notable changes are that each student will need to pack his/her own snack. We are no longer able to have communal snacks.

Your child will have his/her temperature taken upon arrival to school. If a child has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over, he/she will not be allowed to enter the building.

I know that change can be difficult. We are doing everything we can to keep our staff and students safe. Each student will have a designated learning area, social distancing will be followed to the great extent possible, high touch areas will be disinfected regularly, sharing of materials will be limited, students and staff will have required handwashing times and hand sanitizer will also be available in the classrooms (out of reach of students.) All staff are required to wear face coverings. The Governor has recently mandated all students K-12 wear masks while at school. While it is not mandatory for your child to wear a mask at school, if he/she is able to put a mask on and take it off independently, it is recommended that your child wear a mask. If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please don't hesitate to contact me at ahruska@escwr.org or the preschool administrative assistant, Amy Palker at apalker@escwr.org.

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