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## A Guide for Parents: In-Person Safety Practices

Parents, this guide is provided to give you information about how Steele will conduct school in order to provide prevention measures in a Covid-19 environment. Procedures may change according to El Paso County Health Dept, D11, or Colorado Governor's office declarations.

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### Before School

- Please check your student for any Covid-19 symptoms according to D11 expectations before leaving home.

### Parent/Child Drop-off, Pick-up, and Visitation Expectations

- All adults and students are expected to wear masks on campus.
- Please bring your students directly to their teacher's outside door at 7:45 am. Teachers will allow students indoors at 7:50 am. There will be no outside supervision. See map at the end of this document for lineup positions.
- The alley will be closed to Steele drivers from 7:45-8:00 am and 2:30-2:45 pm in order to allow students to safely line up for entry and exit.

- No outside visitors to Steele. Parents that drop off late or pick up early must use the outside speaker and camera. The office will allow your student to enter and exit.
- At the end of the day, please pick your student up from the same location. Walking students should head home immediately after dismissal.

### In-Class Safety Measures

- Masks are expected to be worn at all times except for lunch time and recess breaks.
- Students will be placed as far apart as possible given the number of students and space available. Plexiglass dividers will be used if available for students at tables and for doing cooperative work.
- Students will wash hands in class upon arrival.
- Lunch will take place in the cafeteria, and hand-washing will occur in the classroom before and after. Students will be distanced appropriately at lunch.

### Restrooms & Hygiene

- Students will wash hands in the classroom before and after visiting the restroom.
- One student at a time will be allowed in the restroom.
- Students will hang their pass on a hook outside bathrooms, indicating that no one else may enter until they leave.
- Kinder Hall Bathrooms are for Jones, Sauder, and Howard.
- West Hall (near 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Bathrooms are for Barnett/Cousino, Slothower, Olson, Fuller, Toombs, Matthews, Gaeta, and Yenne.
- Waterbottles are good. Drinking fountains will be open according to health department regulations, but students will be encouraged to

fill bottles at our refill stations (Yay PTA! Did you know this was coming?)

### Movement

- Arrows in the halls will indicate allowed pathways. All hallway movement will only be one-way.
- Small-group teachers must supervise movement to and from their locations.

### Instructional Space

- Each grade level is considered a cohort, so grade levels will not mix with each other on the playground or in school.
- Teachers will maximize floor space by removing any bookshelves, barriers, etc.
- Teachers will remove soft goods, such as pillows, soft chairs, etc.
- Teachers will help students store manipulatives and belongings separately.
- Face shields may be used by teachers when working with small groups or one-on-one if the instructional goal is for students to learn certain phonics and/or pronunciation.

### Recess

- A schedule for am recess will indicate when and where grade levels may play. Recess is an acceptable mask-free time.
- Lunch recesses will occur after eating, and will segregate grade level cohorts.

Entry/Exit Map

