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Dear Vernon Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

The recent increases in COVID cases in our area indicate the need to begin providing Zoom Access to classrooms, should your child be quarantined. Although we feel it is essential for children to be in school and present for social-emotional reasons, we cannot ignore the fact that this year, students and teachers are working harder than ever to narrow the gaps of learning that have occurred as a result of pandemic-interrupted instruction. To that end **the district will be offering Zoom Access to classes effective Monday, December 13, 2021 for quarantined individuals.** We will revisit this protocol on January 18, 2022. The **Virtual Academic Mentors**, which I wrote about in my recent correspondence on December 7, 2021 are still being offered to quarantined students.

Here are some details about Zoom Access:

ZOOM ACCESS Option for *Quarantined Students

(*Both those ill with Covid 19 and those who are quarantined due to possible exposure)

- There will be a 24 hour grace period before students can access a class, via a Zoom link. This is so that teachers can shift their lesson plans to accommodate students on Zoom Access. Most other county/regional schools are following the same process.
- On “Day Two” a teacher will open up their classroom via Zoom to live instruction during the period that they have students who are quarantined. If a child is an elementary school student, the child is not expected to zoom all day. The time of the zoom will vary, depending on the developmental needs of the child and the lessons planned by the teacher.
- Students will continue to be marked **remote present** during the entire quarantining period. Regardless of whether they use the Zoom Access option or not, we encourage students to check Schoology daily for any class work required.
- The zoom links for the class will be posted on Schoology.
- Students can choose to come into the Zoomed session. It is not required and attendance is not taken. This is being done so that children and families have flexibility and access to learning.
- All quizzes and tests will be taken when the student returns unless otherwise specified by the teacher.
- This is designed for quarantined students only. Students cannot choose to take a “virtual” day if they are unable to attend school for a variety of reasons.

The district will continue to offer the **Virtual Academic Mentors** for one-on-one instruction to all interested students who are quarantined. The link to access mentors is [here](#) and was sent in correspondence on December 7, 2021. If your child is being quarantined the contact tracer, nurse, or administrator can provide you with more

information about this program. If no information is provided, please be sure to ask about **Virtual Academic Mentors**. This service is offered to assist students and has proven beneficial with classwork, homework, time management, organization and task completion.

Thank you for your continued support of the Vernon Schools. Going through the pandemic continues to be a struggle but when we work collaboratively, we will continue to provide the best for Vernon students.

Should you have any additional questions regarding Zoom Access, please contact the Principal where your child attends school for specific information.

Sincerely,

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