The upcoming 2020-21 school year will be dramatically different from previous school years. We are taking necessary steps to ensure to the greatest extent possible the safety of our students and staff with the presence of COVID-19. As educators, we can not do this alone, we must have the full cooperation and support of students in families in implementing practices and protocols to do all we can to protect the entire school community.

The WRVSU and schools within have worked diligently over the past several months to create a reopening of schools plan. This plan has been guided by information from many sources including the Center for Disease Control, Vermont Agency of Education and with the input of our community through the WRVSU COVID Task Force. We are committed to providing a safe and flexible learning environment for all students and provided the opportunity for families to choose a Virtual Learning Academy for families who may still be concerned about the potential risk associated with in person learning.

We are also committed to offering in person learning environments to the greatest extent possible for our students; recognising that distance learning does not provide the same social connections, community building opportunities, and robust learning environments. In order to continue to provide in person learning opportunities for students there are going to be some required changes in the upcoming school year. Students and families are being asked to commit and adhere to these changes as well as future practices that may need to be implemented as we continue to learn more about COVID-19. While some of the implementation of these changes may look slightly different from school-to-school there are some core practices that are consistent across the Supervisory Union and must be adhered to in order to maintain safety for all students and staff.

These core practices are:

- All staff and students are required to wear facial coverings while in the building. They must also wear them outside when adequate physical distancing can not be easily maintained.
- Facial coverings should be constructed with a minimum of 2 layers of cloth material in accordance with current CDC guidance.
- Any child with any new illness and/or listed questionnaire symptoms, are not to be sent to school and need to remain home. *Please contact the nurse to help you in determining when your child can safely return to school.
- Staff and students must pass a daily health screening before they can enter the school building.
- Parents of all students must complete the at home daily screening questionnaire which includes taking and recording each student's temperature. The form should be brought to school by the student where they will show the form to the Health Screener before entering school that day.
- Students riding the bus, walking, or driving themselves to school, will bring the form to school and give to the staff at the assigned health screening station.
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- Parents who are driving their children to school are required to wear a facial covering and remain with their child until the screening form has been reviewed and a temperature reading under 100.4°F taken. (the screening may take place in your vehicle depending on drop off site assigned to your child by their school)
- We can not accommodate early drop off this year, no child should be dropped off and left unattended
- Parents must complete and return all yearly school health forms prior to the first day of school
- Parents must ensure that ample emergency contacts and information is provided so that in the event a student needs to be picked up from school this can be done in less than 1 hour from the time the school nurse determines the student should go home. (preferably 30 minute pick up time).

In the event that students and families are unable to follow these important practices students may be asked to transition to the Virtual Learning Academy to ensure safety for all students and staff in attending in person learning.

I hereby acknowledge and agree to follow these protocols and procedures and will work with and in support of the school to maintain a safe learning environment.

Student Name: _____________________________

Parent Name: _____________________________

Parent Signature: __________________________

Date: ___________________