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Dear Sutton Families:

Thank you parents and students for your support in an amazing opening to our new school year. I am elated at the enthusiasm our students have brought with them back to Sutton! We sure have missed our school full of our amazing children. Without a doubt, we are in for a great year. Our students have been so compliant with our Covid protocols including wearing their facemasks and transitioning to support physical distancing. Only by our continued efforts in reinforcing this can we assure a minimal Covid impact on Sutton. I am beyond appreciative that we have all began with that shared accountability.

As is expected in the first few weeks of the school year, students and parents are acclimating to new protocols and procedures. Currently we are experiencing delayed busses in both the morning and afternoon. I am working daily with transportation to address these delays and it is my hope timely transportation for all riders will occur shortly.

We have a large number of parents who are attempting to circumvent our car rider process and I cannot allow this. Parents must follow our car rider process each morning and afternoon. Please do not yell or get angry with staff who are redirecting you, as they are merely doing their job and want to protect your children. If you are upset or mad, I ask that you bring it directly to my attention so that I can continue to provide our staff with the best experiences while working at Sutton.

We will not allow any student who lives more than 1.5 miles from either building to walk off campus either to walk home or meet you elsewhere in the area. We do not allow this by board policy and it is not safe. We are currently getting walker passes to our students and once that is completed, no students without a walking pass will be permitted to walk off campus. I ask that you understand our obligation to follow these procedures for the safety of our students.

As always, you are welcome to reach out to me at gail.johnson@atlanta.k12.ga.us. I look forward to our shared work together in providing our Sutton students with an excellent education this year. Within the next few weeks, I will be sharing times and dates for upcoming parent coffees and other school events.

Sincerely,

Gail Johnson

Gail Johnson, EdS
Principal