

*Dear Portland Public Schools parent,*

*We are looking forward to welcoming our first set of students tomorrow morning. We have been working hard to prepare for this moment and cannot wait to see all of our students again.*

*This is an unprecedented year with new requirements in place to make sure that we keep each other safe and healthy. That is why I'm calling you tonight.*

*Early tomorrow morning, you will be receiving a text message or email from us asking you to verify that you have done a symptom check before sending your student to school. You will be asked to answer a single question to verify that your child has none of the symptoms on the list.*

*Please make sure to complete this as early as possible tomorrow. The sooner you do it, the sooner we will be able to get your student into class. If you do not do it, your student will not be allowed to enter the building until they have cleared the symptom check. This may require us getting hold of you to verify the information provided by your student.*

*Thank you for your help with this important safety check. We will be asking you to do this daily, so this will be a great opportunity to practice a new routine for your family.*

*Thank you and I hope your student has a great day in school tomorrow.*

***Xavier Botana, Superintendent***