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SLSD Parents and Guardians,

We look forward to welcoming secondary students who will be returning to in-person instruction in the Hybrid Model this coming week. While this year continues to unfold in a manner that none of us are used to, we are excited to see all of our school buildings filled with students and staff working together to meet academic, social, and emotional goals amidst a global pandemic.

As a reminder, the physical return to school will continue to require a partnership amongst all Spartans. We appreciate the ways in which District families continue to support the collective mitigation efforts necessary for a safe return to school like social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, and increased hand hygiene recommended by the CDC to prevent the spread of COVID-19. It is with these essential mitigation strategies both inside and outside our school buildings that our students will continue to be able to access this resource that we all value so much. Listed below are some specific mitigation reminders and supports;

- **<u>Request for Support</u>** This resource, designed by the SLSD School Counselors, is meant to ensure that our counseling teams can support families in our community who have been negatively impacted by the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.
- <u>Daily Health Screener</u> Prior to leaving home all students and staff are required to complete a Daily Health Screener that includes a temperature check. Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms <u>MUST</u> follow the guidance present on the screener and should <u>NOT</u> report to school/work. Those experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 must contact their School Nurse for additional guidance.
- Face Coverings As a reminder, all SLSD students and staff are required to wear a face covering that covers the mouth and nose, unless a student with disabilities whose IEP or 504 teams have granted an exception.
- Exclusion From and Return to School Guidelines This document provides information about the guidelines that the District will use in determining which scenarios will require an exclusion from school and the criteria that will need to be met in order to return to school following a period of quarantine.
- <u>Student Technology Assistance</u> Our Technology Department continues to utilize a digital helpdesk system that is open to all students.

We continue to appreciate the manner that our students and staff have faced the challenges present throughout this different school year. We recognize the collective strength of our students and staff as they continue to overcome each challenge with grit, determination, and care.

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