



January 29, 2021

SLSD Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. Listed below are updates for the week.

- This past Monday, January 25th, all interested SLSD Kindergarten students returned to classrooms at both Hopewell and Liberty Bell for 4-day in-person instruction. Thank you to our students, families, and staff for helping to ensure a smooth transition.
- **Winter Weather Closures** - To date, Southern Lehigh has utilized **TWO (2)** of the **THREE (3)** “snow days” that are built into the 2020-2021 District Calendar. Please remember, if a situation arises where all **THREE (3)** of those days are exhausted and additional winter weather closures are needed, **the SLSD will convert future Winter Weather Closures starting with the fourth (4th) winter weather closure into a Fully Remote Learning Day rather than a traditional “snow day” school closure.** With the uncertainty of this coming week’s weather, there is potential for a multitude of different scenarios that could result in a closure on one day and Fully Remote Learning Day the next. The District will communicate with the community to ensure that all closure guidance is clear but all stakeholders should be prepared for these outcomes.
- **Hybrid Shift Schedule** - As was shared in previous Superintendent’s Communications, the SLSD will shift in-person instruction during weeks that school buildings are closed on a holiday Monday. As a result, Friday February 19 **WILL NOW** have in-person instruction for students with last name A-L and remote learning for students with last name M-Z. Additional changes may be shared in future communications.
- **SLMS Virtual Career Day** - The SLMS Career and Technology Exploration teachers are seeking community/parent volunteers for this year's Virtual Career Day. Interested participants can register using the following link; <http://ow.ly/TLAt50DfsId>
- **SLHS Counseling Office Presentation** - The SLHS School Counseling Office is hosting a virtual presentation titled *Building an Internal Bridge and Intrinsic Motivation With Our Children* on February 17 at 7:15 PM via Zoom. Additional information including login credentials will be shared closer to the presentation.
- **LVHN Grief and Loss Presentation** - The SLSD is proud to partner with the LVHN Department of School Health to host a virtual event titled *Managing Grief for Death and Other Losses* on February 24 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Additional information including login credentials will be shared closer to the presentation.
- **Daily Health Screener** – As a reminder, each morning, prior to leaving home, **ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS** are **REQUIRED** to complete the Daily Health Screener with an at home temperature check. Any students or staff experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 **MUST REMAIN HOME** and contact their School Nurse.

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- **COVID-19 Testing** - Any Southern Lehigh household where an individual is being tested for COVID-19 **MUST** notify their SLSD School Nurse. Students or staff awaiting COVID-19 test results **SHOULD NOT** physically report to school while they await results. The SLSD nurses will provide individual guidance specific to the [Exclusion From and Return to School Guidelines](#). As a reminder, both [SLUHN](#) and [LVHN](#) offer expedited COVID-19 testing services for K-12 students and staff. However, with the demand for testing continuing to increase across the region, the timeline related to results may be extended.

As we continue to plan for increased in-person instructional options, the Southern Lehigh School District school community must continue to adhere to our established health and safety protocols including universal face-coverings, compliance with quarantine and isolation guidance, social distancing, and staying home when we are not feeling well. These protocols are essential in ensuring that the SLSD can keep our schools open for in-person instruction.

Have a great weekend!

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Superintendent