



May 14, 2021

SLSD Parents and Guardians,

Listed below are several updates;

- **CDC & PADOH Face Covering Update** - Yesterday, following the CDC announcement, the PADOH announced an update to the Commonwealth's Universal Face Covering Order specific to individuals who are fully vaccinated. Subsequently, the SLSD is reviewing the District Health and Safety Plan as it relates to face coverings by students and staff and will continue to vet any adjustments or changes to these plans through the District's community health partners at the SLUHN and LVHN. As a school community, we must continue to recognize that the overwhelming majority of our students are not vaccinated and that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has stated that The [Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#) remains in effect until 70% of adults in Pennsylvania are fully vaccinated. Further communication regarding any changes will be forthcoming.
- **SLSD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic** - The community response to the SLSD Vaccine Clinic scheduled for this weekend has been phenomenal. Almost 400 individuals are scheduled to receive a first dose tomorrow and I must thank the District Nursing Team for coordinating this opportunity for our community. Additional information about vaccine availability in the Lehigh Valley can be found on the [SLSD COVID-19 Vaccine Page](#).
- **2021 - 2022 Instructional Model Update** - At the Board of School Directors Meeting on May 10th the administration outlined the Instructional Models for the 2021-2022 School Year. In addition to a 5-Day Per Week, In-Person Instructional Model, the SLSD will offer the Spartan Academy Remote Learning Program. More information about Spartan Academy can be found via the following [link](#). District staff continue to reach out to families currently enrolled in remote learning to determine interest for the coming school year. Further communication regarding a Spartan Academy Open House will be communicated to interested families.
- **2020 - 2021 SLSD Parent University Programs** - A digital archive of each of the SLSD Parent University Programs from the 2020 - 2021 School Year is available for viewing anytime on the SLSD Parent University Programs webpage.
- **Superintendent Search Stakeholder Survey** - As you are aware, the Board of School Directors is actively engaged in the search for the next Superintendent. If you have not already, please complete the [Superintendent Search Stakeholder Survey](#) to ensure that the SLSD School Board has valuable information to inform this process from all stakeholders.

As we transition to end of the year activities, I must continue to thank our entire school community for their support. We are making it through this school year together. Please have a restful weekend.

Kathleen Evison
Superintendent