

October 8, 2021

SLSD Parents/Guardians and Staff,

Thank you to all of the Southern Lehigh School District students and staff for all of their continued hard work and diligence through the first six weeks of the school year. We have witnessed fantastic happenings in our school buildings since the first day of school and continue to be thankful for all of the progress that our students and staff are making each and every day. Outlined below are some updates and reminders for the entire Southern Lehigh School District community;

- **SLSD Band in the Stands** - Thank you to all of the students and staff for an amazing showcase of the Southern Lehigh music program. Over two hundred students from JPLIS, SLMS, and SLHS came together last Friday evening. Special thank you to Ms. Marston, Mr. Loda, and Mr. Fisher for bringing all of our students together to make such great music!
- **K-3 Happenings** - This week students at Hopewell and Liberty Bell participated in some great outdoor activities. At Hopewell, students participated in a whole school Dance for Education event on Thursday and at Liberty Bell, students participated in a whole school Amazing Autumn Relay. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and support these fantastic activities for our students.
- **October 11 Teacher Inservice** - As a reminder, students **DO NOT** report to school on Monday October 11th as this is a Teacher In-Service Day.
- **SLSD Parent University Program** - The digital recording of the SLSD September Parent University Program; [An Overview of Student Supports at the SLSD](#) is now available for viewing for any parent, guardian, or community member who was unable to attend the live event.
- **Kids and COVID Resources** - The St. Luke's University Health Network has compiled the following [Kids and COVID](#) educational resources featuring informative video resources on the following topics;
 - COVID and Kids - Everything You Need to Know
 - Could My Child's Symptoms Be COVID?
 - What If My Child Is Exposed?
 - What If My Child Tests Positive?
 - What About Vaccines for Younger Children?
- **Dr. Mike Mahon** - Our new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mike Mahon, will begin his tenure leading this wonderful school district on Monday, October 25, 2021. That said, Dr. Mahon has been on site here for multiple days each of the last three weeks visiting schools, meeting with people and leading interview teams. Last Friday he attended the evening football game to see the team and the band perform and play, and meet community members. Everyone is excited to welcome Dr. Mahon into our community to begin his work here for the next five years at least.

- **Interviews for Key Positions** - Dr. Mahon and his interview team have also been very busy interviewing candidates for key administration leadership positions in the district. The candidate pool is very strong and we are optimistic that final decisions will be made for many of these positions by the time Dr. Mahon participates in his first school board meeting on October 25th.

As we continue to progress through the school year we ask that all Spartans continue to complete daily [COVID-19 symptom](#) screening before school each morning. If your children are exhibiting any symptoms or are ill for any reason, please keep them home, even if the symptoms seem to be mild. As a reminder, all students who come to school with COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home. Additional information about the SLSD procedures can be found on the [SLSD COVID-19 Resources Page](#).

Respectfully,

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