



May 21, 2021

SLSD Parents and Guardians,

Listed below are several updates;

- **CDC, PADOH, & PDE Health and Safety Update** - The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continues to see a significant downward trend in COVID-19 cases. Locally, after 28 consecutive weeks in the Substantial Classification, Lehigh County moved to the Moderate Classification at the conclusion of last week. Opportunities to secure a vaccination across the Lehigh Valley for interested individuals ages 12+ are abundant. With 10 ½ school days remaining until the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year, the SLSD will continue to follow the Pennsylvania Department of Education's recommendation that school entities continue their current mitigation strategies in an effort to ensure consistency and minimize disruptions as a result of significant revisions to existing plans. Looking ahead, the Southern Lehigh School District continues to plan for as normal of a school year as possible in the fall.
- **Track and Field District XI Meet** - Congratulations to the SLHS Track and Field Teams for their historic showing at this week's District XI 3A Track and Field Championships. The traditionally strong SLHS Track and Field Program had a record breaking day at the District XI Championship Meet with 2 relay teams and 3 individuals qualifying to compete next weekend at the PIAA State Track and Field Championships at Shippensburg University. Thank you to all of the student athletes for their dedication and to Coach Strong and his staff for their guidance of our student athletes.
- **SLHS Music Spring Music Showcase** - Thank you to all of the student musicians and our high school music teachers for their al fresco showcase of our talented student choirs, orchestra, and band this past week at the SLMS Stadium.
- **SLSD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic** - Thank you to the SLSD Nursing Team, Pharmacy at Giant Staff, the Support Services Staff, and all of the community members who participated in the SLSD COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic last weekend. Just under 400 individuals received their initial dose of vaccine at the SLSD Community Clinic at SLMS. Additional information about vaccine availability in the Lehigh Valley can be found on the [SLSD COVID-19 Vaccine Page](#).
- **Emergency Broadband Benefit** - The FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit is designed to help households struggling to afford internet services during the pandemic. The benefit provides multiple layers of support. One of the primary eligibility criteria would be households that receive benefits under the free and reduced school lunch program. More information including application procedures can be found using the following [link](#).
- **Emergency Rent Assistance Program** - ERAP is in place to provide financial assistance in Lehigh County for items including rent, rental arrears, utilities, and home energy costs incurred due, directly, or indirectly, to COVID-19. More information including application procedures can be found using the following [link](#).

Please take time to enjoy the great weather with your family this weekend.

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