



May 7, 2021

SLSD Parents and Guardians,

Listed below are several updates;

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - As teacher appreciation week comes to a close, I must express my gratitude to the Southern Lehigh School District staff for all that they do for our students and the community. They are an integral component in the overall success of the Southern Lehigh School District.
- **Commonwealth Mitigation Update** - On May 4th, Governor Wolf, in coordination with the COVID-19 Vaccine Joint Task Force announced that all of the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Mitigation Orders would be lifted as of May 31st with the exception of the Universal Masking Order. The Governor stated that Universal Masking would remain in effect until 70% of the Commonwealth's adult population is fully vaccinated. As far as schools are concerned, this is what PDE has shared to date;
 - The PDE Attestation Process (Shared via [Superintendent's Communication on 11/25/20](#)) will also expire on May 31st. As a result, the current requirements imposed on schools in counties with two consecutive weeks of Substantial Level of Community Transmission within the PDE Attestation Form will return to recommendations.
 - At this time, PDE has not provided substantive information concerning the fall. Southern Lehigh continues to plan for a **5 Day Per Week, In-Person Return**.
- **SLSD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic** - Yesterday, the SLSD communicated information about a **VOLUNTARY** COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic to be held at SLMS on Saturday, May 15th to families of eligible students. At this time, the administration of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is limited to individuals ages 16+. Should the age range be expanded prior to May 15th, the District will complete an additional communication inviting parents/guardians of interested individuals within the expanded range to register, should they have a desire to do so. More information, including the Giant Registration link can be found on the SLSD [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Page](#).
- **LVHN Managing Back to School Anxiety for Adolescents Presentation** - Earlier this week, the SLSD partnered with the LVHN School Based Behavioral Health Department to host a virtual presentation titled *Managing Back-to-School Anxiety for Adolescents*. A digital recording of this presentation is available via that link.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week "Shout Out"** - Thank you to all of the parents and students who have submitted a "Shout Out." We have received a great response and are going to keep the form active this weekend in the event that there are additional messages to be shared. Please use the following link, [Teacher Appreciation Week "Shout Out"](#) to share a memory directly to an SLSD staff member.
- **Southern Lehigh School District Climate Survey** - If you have not already, please complete the [Southern Lehigh School District Climate Survey](#) that was previously shared with our school community. Your feedback, along with those from the staff and student surveys provide critical information on the climate of our district as it relates to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your continued support. Please take some time to relax and enjoy the weekend!

Kathleen Evison
Superintendent