June 10, 2020



Dear Families,

We are currently preparing for the 2020-2021 school year and we look forward to welcoming our students back to our buildings for in-person instruction on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Protecting the safety and health of our students and staff remains a priority and we are currently reviewing guidance issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to develop plans for that return. As a district, we also continue to take proactive steps to prepare for varied scenarios and changes that may occur during the year given the continued uncertainties surrounding COVID-19.

We are developing a pandemic response team as required and will have a health and safety plan in place for board review by July 27<sup>th</sup>. This plan must be submitted to the state and will outline any steps necessary for a safe return under the green phase. The plan will also outline additional measures we may need to enact should we enter a yellow phase. If the county moves to a red phase during the school year, remote learning is required.

To gather feedback from our families to help with planning, we will be conducting a short telephone survey on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to gather your feedback about this return for your child. This survey will also be available on our website for those that would prefer to respond online or for those who would like to provide additional comments. Your feedback is appreciated.

In addition to physical health, we also know the past few months have caused additional stress for everyone. As we plan for the upcoming school year, addressing the social and emotional well-being of our students, our staff, and our communities is also a priority.

We have created a new "Information for the 2020-2021 School Year" section on our website and will post updated information as it becomes available.

We continue to be very thankful for the incredible patience, cooperation, and support provided to our schools and our students during the spring of 2020! We hope you all find ways to rest, relax, and recharge during the summer months.

Sincerely,

William W. Marshall

Superintendent