

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STEUBEN COUNTY

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Dear MSDSC Families,

As we wrap up this school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past few months. It was an interesting fourth quarter to say the least. The transition to virtual learning for the last 27 days of the school year happened quickly so we could protect our students and staff members. It was truly impressive to see how everyone pulled together to make the best out of a very unique situation.

Summer break is a great chance to pause for a moment and take care of those who are important to us. The past few months have been stressful in many ways and we know that we will be facing many new challenges this fall. At this point, we are still planning to start school with our first student day on Thursday, August 13th. We will be implementing new procedures to ensure the safety of all individuals who enter our schools. We also know that we will need to accommodate families who may choose to keep their students at home for a variety of reasons. The delivery of our curriculum at all levels will be challenging as we continue to utilize alternative methods in the most effective ways possible.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, I can see our student attendance fluctuating on a daily basis. While there is no true substitute for in-person classroom instruction, we know that we will need to be ready for any scenario. I envision the continuation of the virtual learning format for the first few months of the school year. The classroom may consist of 15 students at school and 5 students at home one day and the total opposite the next day. I can assure you that parents will have the flexibility to determine when they believe it is safe to send their children back to school.

We will keep you posted as we learn more from the department of education in the next few weeks. Meal bundles for our students are still available throughout the summer at Hendry Park Elementary and Pleasant Lake Elementary. An announcement on summer school will be made as soon as we obtain approval to do so. Thank you again for your help this year. I am definitely looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,



Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent