

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STEUBEN COUNTY

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Dear MSDSC Families,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying this great summer weather. It is hard to believe that we are already into the first week of July. With the next school year quickly approaching, I just want everyone to know that we are still on track to begin school as planned with students entering our buildings on Thursday, August 13th. It will be a challenging school year as we strive to educate students while eliminating the risks associated with the spread of COVID-19.

My top priority this school year is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We will be making every reasonable accommodation to protect our people. Adaptations include limited building access, physical distancing, frequent hand washing, student cohort grouping, and constant sanitizing of high touch areas. Risk mitigation will be the focus of our reopening guidelines with numerous reminders given daily to stress its importance. Flexibility will be the key as we make adjustments in response to the risk levels in our community.

You will be receiving another survey soon with a variety of questions to gather your input on reopening. Your feedback is always valued and will be a big help in the development of our reopening guidelines. I just want to make sure that everyone is as comfortable as possible with our return back to school. Initial reopening guidelines have been sent out with more to come over the next few weeks. These guidelines will evolve over time as more information and recommendations become available. Since each school is different, building specific guidelines will also be coming out shortly.

Summer school has started at the high school and will be starting at the other grade levels on July 27th. Please contact your child's school if you are interested in signing him or her up for summer school. Registration for the upcoming school year will take place through the mail. You should be receiving a packet of information and forms to complete during the week of July 13th. Please complete the forms and return as soon as possible. Additional information will be sent home with your children during the first week of school.

Please be sure to enjoy the rest of your summer with your children. It is more important than ever to spend quality time together whenever you have a chance to do so. Your support is always appreciated as we try to make our students' lives as normal as possible over the next few months. While this school year will be an interesting one, I am confident that it will also be a very successful one.

Sincerely,



Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent