



Steelton-Highspire School District

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Dear Roller Families:

In these unprecedented times, I hope this communication finds you well. The recent global pandemic has forced change in the way we conduct business in our personal and professional lives. Schools have been forced to alter how we deliver instruction and how we plan for the opening of the new school year. Because of the unknown, the Steelton-Highspire School District is developing a reentry plan for the 2020-2021 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to foreshadow what will be in the plan along with some potential scenarios.

- Scenario I. The Governor and the Department of Education allows schools to open on-time in the fall. Under this scenario, the District will provide specific information related to sanitation and safety measures to prevent the spread of the virus. Additionally, understanding that some parents may not be comfortable sending their child to school in the fall, we will provide parents a full cyber option which will be operated by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.
- Scenario II. Schools may be able to open in the fall with a modified schedule. A modified schedule may include limits to how many students are on campus at any given time to promote social distancing. Under this scenario, we will still provide sanitation and safety measures to prevent the spread of the virus. Furthermore, we will again offer a full cyber option with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for parents who are not ready to send their children back to school in the fall.
- Scenario III. Due to orders from the Governor and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, schools are unable to open at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Under this scenario, the District is in the process of developing a robust cyber program which will include planned instruction and all courses that would have been offered in an in-person educational environment. While this is a worst case scenario, we are confident that we will be able to provide a challenging and engaging cyber curriculum.

We will be developing this plan over the next several weeks and will provide additional information regarding athletics as we receive it from the State and the PIAA. As necessary, we will provide updates to the plan as health officials learn more about the virus and recommend additional safety measures. Finally, please continue to follow safety guidance from the Governor and public health officials and remain vigilant as we navigate this public health crisis.

Note: At this time, we are planning on using the board approved calendar to begin the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

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