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SLSD Parents and Guardians,

As another week of four day in-person instructions comes to an end, I must again recognize the ongoing support of our students, families, faculty and staff, administrative team, and the Southern Lehigh School Board and express my gratitude. While we collectively see improvements, we must continue to follow the established COVID-19 mitigation measures that are designed to keep our community safe and help to ensure that our school buildings remain open for in-person learning. All students and staff **MUST** continue to complete the [\*\*Daily Health Screener\*\*](#) each morning before school and anyone exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19 should stay home and seek guidance from the District Nursing staff. Further, if someone in your household is experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 and is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test, any associated students should stay home until a negative result is received. Listed below are weekly updates;

- **SLHS Theatre Company Spring Musical Review** - Under the direction of Mr. Wehr, the students of the SLHS Theatre Company will soon debut the 2021 Spring Musical Revue. This presentation will also feature the talented SLHS Pit Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Fisher. We cannot wait to share their hard work and talents with our community.
- **JPLIS Blood Drive** - SLSD Staff participated in a Blood Drive hosted at JPLIS during last week's Inservice Program. [The Miller Keystone Blood Center](#) was able to collect 24 units or enough blood to potentially save up to 72 individuals.
- **Caron Foundation Cycle of Addiction Presentation** - The SLSD is proud to partner with the Caron Foundation to host this virtual event titled The Cycle of Addiction on March 23rd at 7:00 PM via Zoom. This presentation will help interested community members understand the key risk and protective factors for adolescent substance use, as well as review the cycle of substance use from first use through recovery.
- **CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation** - The CDC updated their guidance for K-12 schools today on a number of areas including physical distancing, the use of physical barriers in classrooms, and the role that community transmission plays in decision making. The District will review these updates and adjust the SLSD Health and Safety Planning Documents accordingly.
- **CDC Travel Guidance** - With spring break quickly approaching, I must remind SLSD families of the critical importance of continuing to practice COVID-19 mitigation measures, such as keeping physical distance, limiting interactions with those outside of your household, and curbing unnecessary travel. Please remember that the CDC continues to maintain comprehensive COVID-19 Travel Guidance.
- **Kindergarten Registration** - SLSD Kindergarten Registration for the 21-22 school year is underway. All registration documentation needs to be completed by March 31st. In order to obtain access to the Sapphire portal, parents need to complete a brief [Intent to Register Form](#) that can be accessed via that [link](#).



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As a nation, we have witnessed a documented spike in targeted violence against Asian Americans. These hateful acts are unacceptable, and racism of any kind is counter to the principles of the Southern Lehigh School District. The SLSD continues to support our Asian American students, families and staff and stand in solidarity against anti-Asian American hate. We must continue to recognize that all people are worthy of a human experience founded in dignity and respect.

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