



March 26, 2021

SLSD Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the start of the 4th Marking Period, the Lehigh Valley is facing yet another regional increase in COVID-19 cases. Collectively we must continue to practice COVID-19 mitigation efforts both inside and outside of our school buildings including, wearing well-fitted face coverings, frequently washing/sanitizing hands, maintaining a physical distance, avoiding interactions with those outside your household, and limiting travel. These mitigation efforts will help Southern Lehigh keep our students in school in person as we begin the final marking period of the school year. Listed below are weekly updates;

- **National Merit Finalist** - Please join me in congratulating Southern Lehigh High School Senior Evan Wimmer who has earned the distinction of National Merit Finalist. As a National Merit Finalist, Evan scored in the top 1/2 of a percent of all students in the United States on the PSAT and SAT. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication!
- **PDE / PADOH Rolling 14 Day Case Count** - As a reminder, following each reported case of COVID-19 the Southern Lehigh School District works with public health staff from the PADOH who provide the SLSD with case specific guidance related to contact tracing, quarantine recommendations/dates, cleaning, disinfecting, and guidance specific to closing certain areas of the school or the entire school building. The School Epidemiology Team at the PADOH provides all final school closure guidance and the District follows the recommendation that is provided.
- **Caron Foundation Cycle of Addiction Presentation** - Earlier this week, the SLSD partnered with the Caron Foundation to host a virtual presentation titled *The Cycle of Addiction*. A digital recording of this presentation that was designed to understand the key risk and protective factors for adolescent substance use is available via that link.
- **Kindergarten Registration** - The SLSD is asking community members to complete Kindergarten Registration documentation for next school year by Wednesday, March 31st. In order to obtain access to the Sapphire portal, parents need to complete a brief **Intent to Register Form**. More information can be found using the following **link**.

As a reminder, next week students will attend school on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. For students, Spring Break starts on Thursday, April 1st and goes through Monday April 5th. Students return to school on Tuesday, April 6th. I hope that your family enjoys a relaxing and rejuvenating spring break. Enjoy this time, but please do so in a safe manner. I continue to appreciate the dedication and sacrifices that our students, staff, and community have shown throughout this school year to help support the SLSD in our pursuit to provide in-person instruction for our interested students.

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Superintendent