



March 12, 2021

SLSD Parents and Guardians,

The school buildings across the Southern Lehigh School District are again filled with the sounds of students and teachers. As a reminder, the SLSD will continue to employ a number of COVID-19 mitigation strategies within our schools including, requiring well-fitted face coverings, frequently washing/sanitizing hands, maintaining a physical distance, and as the weather continues to improve utilizing outdoor spaces whenever possible. We all understand that the past year has been long and exhausting, but we must continue to do our part to keep our students in school and to protect the health and well-being of our school community. Listed below are weekly updates;

- **SLHS Rifle Team** - Congratulations to our State Champion Southern Lehigh Rifle Team! Thank you to each of the student athletes for their dedication throughout the year and Mr. Gaugler and Mr. Crouse for their guidance as the coaches.
- **Winter Sports** - We are very proud of all of the hard work, flexibility, and perseverance that our Winter Sports student athletes displayed throughout a different athletic season. Special thanks to our athletic coaches who continue to play a critical role in our student athletes lives and our Athletic Trainers who support our student athletes throughout the school year. Please join me in wishing Garrity Ford good luck as she will compete at the PIAA Swimming and Diving State Championships next weekend.
- **National School Lunch Program** - Reminder, all SLSD students (In-Person and Fully Remote) are eligible for **NO COST** breakfast and lunch through the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program COVID-19 Waivers. This program allows the SLSD to offer standard meals to be served to all students **NO COST**. Additionally, the SLSD Food Service Department continues to offer a "[Meals To Go](#)" [Heat & Eat Breakfast and Lunch Kit](#) for parents and guardians to pick up multiple days worth of meals. Additional information can be found using the following [link](#).
- **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](#).
- **Pennsylvania Vaccine Update** - Each of the school districts within the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 will participate in the initial allocation of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine in the expanded Commonwealth Vaccination Program starting today and continuing through Wednesday. This program, run by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is a step in the right direction and will likely take several weeks to complete vaccines for all interested educational staff.

Remember that all students must complete the [Daily Health Screener](#) each morning before coming to school and that any student exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19 should be kept home from school. Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping our students, staff and community safe.

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