



SAINT CLAIR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 1, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy. These are certainly challenging times as the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us.

Today I am truly honored to begin serving as your new Superintendent. I have heard wonderful things about our students, staff, and the community, and I am so happy to be on board.

One of the first tasks we will be undertaking is to begin planning for the 2020-2021 school year. It is our hope that our school will be open and operating in a safe manner for everyone, and we will continue to follow the guidance of the Pa. Department of Education as well as our state and local health agencies. The Pa. Department of Education is requiring that each school district complete a Health & Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. As part of developing that plan, we have sent a Parent/Guardian survey as well as a Teacher survey. We are looking at those results as we move forward, and there may also be future surveys as well. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the surveys.

The plan will need to be approved by our School Board this month, but we do realize that things may change as the summer progresses. Our plan will consider the following concepts: educating our students on social distancing and proper hygiene, safe student transportation, effective classroom design, cleaning, sanitizing, and ventilating the

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building, use of our cafeteria, and monitoring student and staff health, to name a few. We know that no plan is perfect, but our number one priority will be keeping our students and staff safe.

The first day of school for our students will be Monday, August 31st. As we work towards finalizing our plan for 2020-2021, I ask that you please check our district website and Facebook page (and new Twitter page) for news and updates.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,

Thomas McLaughlin
Superintendent