



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 3, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members at Large,

First, I wish to thank you for the incredible support and effort you made on behalf of learning here in the District. Throughout the year, the sudden closings and quarantines left everyone on edge and at times scrambling to make plans. I am proud to say, despite the numerous challenges, the School District, and more importantly, the learners of the District are standouts once again in the region. Because of the herculean efforts of our support staff members, faculty, administrators, you, the parents, and especially, our learners, while shifting occurred occasionally at different buildings, the School District was open every single scheduled day this past school year. There is no doubt that we are all collectively sharing a sigh of relief and optimism as Covid appears to be on the decline and looking further and further in the rearview mirror.

Second, I wish to explain, that at this time, we expect the school year to open in a completely normal operation with only a few low-level safety measures in place. We will not be requiring face coverings (although, they are optional for anyone who wishes to wear them), cohorting, or social distancing. In the event that the Country or this area sees a temporary increase in Covid, the District will respond accordingly with temporary increased safety measures as needed and if necessary. Next year the District will continue, as it has for the last nine years, to operate the ELANCOline Virtual Academy for those wishing to have that educational flexibility, but the in-person remote (online learning) will not be an option unless quarantining of learners becomes necessary.

Currently, the School District is transitioning slowly to normal operation status. The expectation is that as additional recommendations, guidelines, and Orders are updated throughout the summer, the District will respond accordingly and that will be reflected in summer operations.

Please understand this is the current assessment of our situation and an optimistic, but I believe realistic, plan for the coming school year.

Again, I wish to thank you for your flexibility and support on behalf of the School District. Allow me to be the first to wish you a safe and enjoyable summer with your families and friends!

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools

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