

# UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear UPSD Community -

Welcome to the 2021-22 School Year! I think I speak for our entire staff, as well as our families and community members, when I say that we are so looking forward to a return to some semblance of normalcy this year, as we welcome back our students for in-person learning five days per week!

Of course, we know that COVID is still a serious consideration, and there will surely be some aspects of school and related activities that may continue to look a bit different. As a district, we again need to ask for flexibility and understanding from our staff, students and families as the pandemic situation continues to evolve.

While the last year and a half has tested us as individuals, as families, as a district, as a country and as a global community, I have to say that I continue to be immensely proud of how our Upper Perk staff, students, families and our community as a whole have responded to the adversity caused by this unprecedented global pandemic.

Our faculty has stepped up in a big way: no matter the teaching method--virtual, hybrid, in-person--- they continued to dedicate themselves to providing the best educational experience possible for all Upper Perk students. Our administration and support staff has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that our students are always taken care of--planning for the unknowable, preparing and distributing student meals, ensuring students and staff have a safe and healthy environment in which to learn and supporting students and families in countless ways. And our students, families and community at-large have continued to raise this district up, supporting our team and demonstrating grace, resilience and flexibility amid less-than-ideal conditions, time and time again.

Over the first part of the school year, we will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 in our district with the goal of keeping our doors open for in-person instruction for the full 180 student days. We may have to adjust our plan and course-correct as things change, but we are hopeful, in a way that we haven't been in the past 18 months, that better times are ahead.

As I have shared many times in the past, I take very seriously that you have entrusted your children to our care, and I firmly believe that our faculty and staff will give their best, day in and day out. I vow to continue to do the same as your superintendent.

I believe strongly in the power of this community, and by supporting one another and joining together in the best interest of our students, we can make this school year a wonderful learning experience, no matter what COVID-19 may still have in store for us. We are Upper Perk, and I know that after witnessing the hard work of the past year and a half, and with eyes on the school year ahead, I remain #Proud2BeUPSD. Let's make the 2021-22 school year one to remember. I wish you a great start to the year, and I look forward to seeing you all back in our schools!

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