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**Board President's Report**

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It was my sincere pleasure last week to represent our Board of directors at the orientation of our new teachers and faculty. It was wonderful to once again be in a room of people who all care immensely about the success of our students and community. The past several weeks have been busy around the high school campus with the athletics teams, and the band, having camps and practices, our summer programs wrapping up, and seeing our facilities come alive once again for the start of school.

I am excited to begin welcoming back our staff to the buildings, and our students in just one week from today. The administrative team has spent many hours thoughtfully planning and preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued dedication to the students and families of the Mt. Lebanon community.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, our objective is clear: to safely provide our kids a world class education. Without question, for most students this is best accomplished in person.

The recent update to the Health and Safety Plan and corresponding operational protocols, including masking were done with these objectives in mind: To enable the teachers and administrators to continue with plans to carefully welcome back students to full, five-day-a-week, in-person instruction. We know the value of in-person instruction and align it to our mission of providing the best education possible for each and every student.

However, for those that feel the need to keep their students out of the buildings, we are offering an asynchronous learning option at nine-week increments.

Dr. Steinhauer and his team will continue to communicate with families regarding pertinent updates - to keep you informed, including maintaining the COVID dashboard.

I am reassured by the success we have seen and the lessons we have learned over the last 18 months. Our Mission is now and continues to be to safely provide the best education possible for each and every student.